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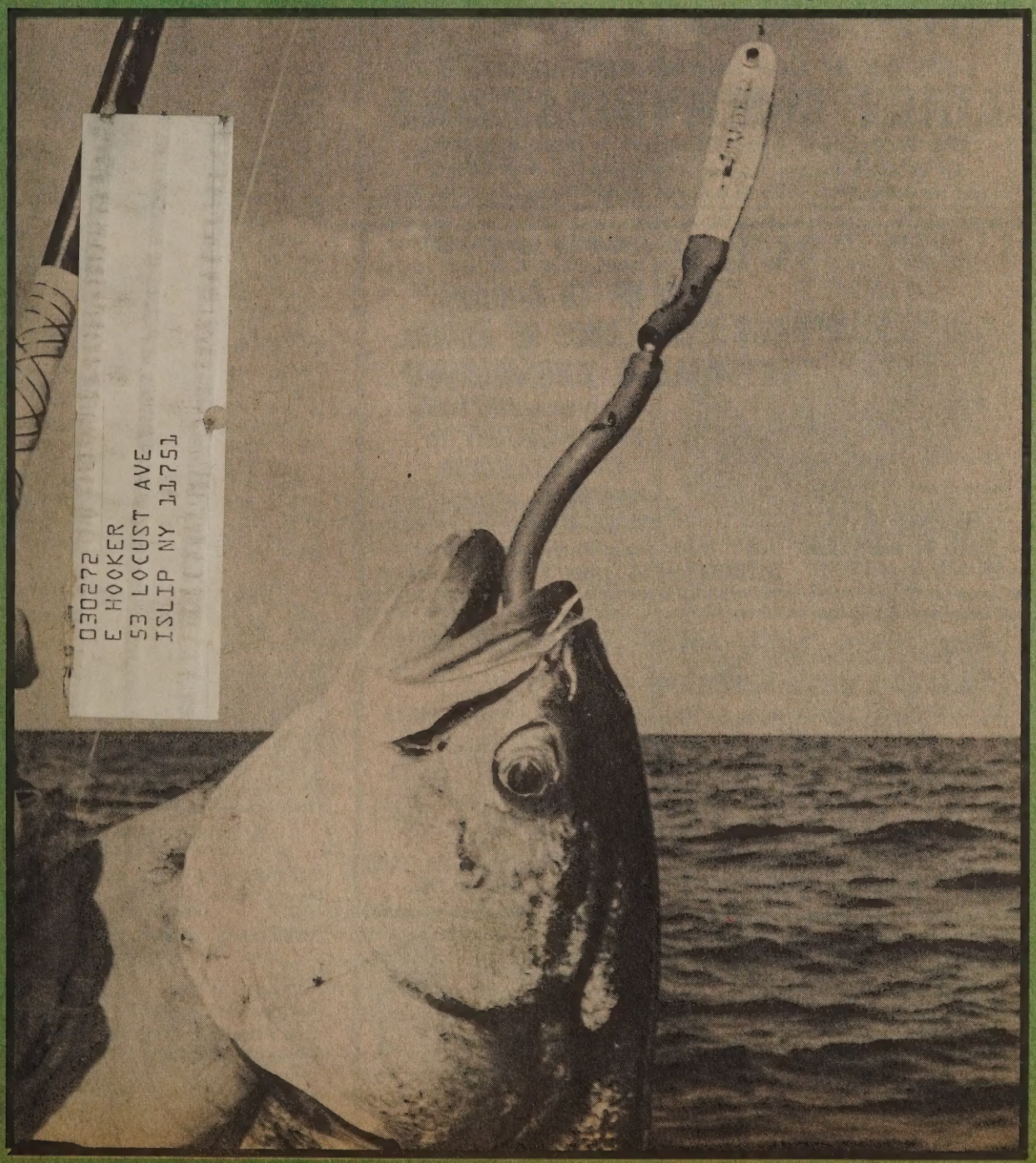

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Registration and an open house will be held on January 28, 1980, at 8PM. For more info, contact Russell F. Cox, 6 Davis Lane, Stony Brook, NY 11790, (516) 751-7452.

CLUB NEWS

BABYLON TUNA CLUB AWARDS FOR 1979

Outstanding offshore catch of year: Steven Pace, Jr.—294 lb. big-eye tuna.

Outstanding inshore catch of year: Dr. Einar F. Grell—13 lb. 2 oz. fluke.

Species of Fish Awards for First Place winners, as follows:

True Albacore: Art Baldwin, 69.8.
Albacore (False): Steven Pace, Jr., 16.9
Blackfish: Frank LoSasso, 8.11
Bluefish: Dr. E. F. Grell, 20.4
Bonita: Bill Spraul, 12 lbs.
Blue Marlin: F. Espenshied, 355 lbs.

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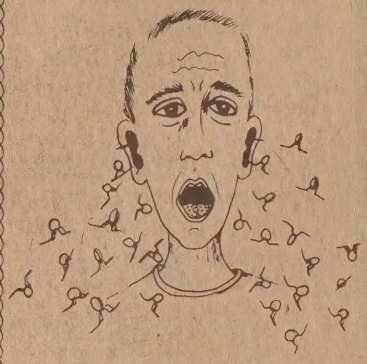

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Striped Bass: R. Shimborski, 43 lbs.
Tuna (chummed): S. Pace, Jr., 294 lb. big eye
Tuna, trolled: Christine Jessen, 150.8 big eye
Weakfish: A. Lorenzetti Sr., 14.15
Codfish: S. Saladino, 55 lbs.
New Club Record Fish for 1979—
Albacore, True: A. Baldwin, 69.8
Bluefish: Dr. E. F. Grell, 20.4
Blue Marlin: F. Espenchied, 355 lbs.
Lifesaving Awards: Al Kaich, Robert Jessen
Tagging Awards: Offshore—Robert Bernstein. Inshore—Bill Mahler

CHUM LINES

FISHERMAN NEEDS NYC CLUB

In recent weeks, I have found it next to impossible to locate an Inner-City fishing club. Boatless city fishermen suffer this dilemma by the hundreds.

If any N.Y.C. fishing club is seeking an even-tempered, enthusiastic member for all bottom species, please contact: Barry Thomas, 144-87 41st Ave., Flushing, N.Y. 11355, (212) 939-3315.

How about it out there? How about co-op anglers? Let's give this guy a club!

COMMENT ON ROMER SHOALS STRATEGY

I was greatly pleased to read of the success of the postcards supplied by The Long Island Fisherman to protest the dredging of Romer Shoal and I am anxiously awaiting Governor Byrne's response. By individual fishermen taking the time to fill out a postcard and mailing it, we can indeed help put a stop to the destruction of this fish haven.

This same tactic can also be applied to cease the dumping of dredge spoils in Long Island Sound by the Army Corps of Engineers. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter composed to protest this practice. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has already received 100 copies of this letter signed by concerned fishermen in my area and I believe if your publication were to convert it to postcard form, as you did in the Romer Shoal protest, there would be an overwhelming response. *Capt. Frank G. Strollo, New Rochelle, New York.*

Although the postcard campaign was very successful, thanks to concerned fishermen like yourself, we must be careful not to shoot a mouse with an elephant gun. There is a time and place for every technique. Your letter, sent by two fellow anglers, is another good approach. This is especially true since you originated it and any public official has to be impressed with both the quality of the letter and the fact that you were willing to put your personal efforts behind your beliefs. We have printed your letter (to EPA) BELOW since it may serve as a guide for others interesting in writing a short, but effective personal letter on matters of concern. Dr. W. A. Muller.

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Gentlemen:

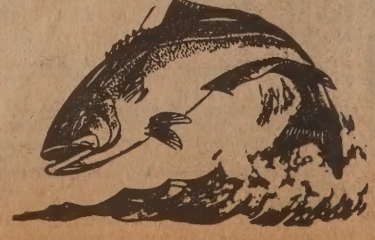
I am writing this letter to inform you of my opposition to the dumping of all contaminated or polluting material into our marine waters, particularly Long Island Sound. This practice will have a devastating effect on all marine life in the Sound, as well as being detrimental to recreational activities and the economic well-being of all communities bordering Long Island Sound.

TOMMY COD TACTICS

As a subscriber for the last two years, I must say you have a terrific fishing magazine.

Would like to ask that you find some place in a future issue to write an article on "Tommy cod" fishing. Every spring and fall when I read about all those substantial flounder catches, more than not, you also hear that a substantial number of "tommy cod" were caught along with the flounder. Seems to me it deserves an article. How about it? *R. Wiig, Bklyn, NY.*

You are correct. Flounder fishermen often catch tommy cod when searching for the flatfish, but this small member of the cod family is not found in all bays and estuaries. They seem to be most common in the western half of Long Island Sound and Montauk. Few seek them at Montauk due to the appeal of other more glamorous species. However, in the Sound they are sought by many. This year, we have already made arrangements with Andy Regina, our resident expert on western Sound species. Look for his article in the fall. Dr. W. A. Muller.



MAKING COILED LEADER STRAIGHT

In the past I've come across a problem with the leader material that comes in coils. One being that the glue from the Scotch tape stays on the leader and the leader itself maintains the memory of the coils it was first packaged in. Recently, I've come across a solution to this problem which your readers might benefit from.

First, remove the Scotch tape from the leader, and soak the coil of leader in lukewarm fresh water. Then, take an old piece of styrofoam with a small slice in it from a razor blade. Next, pull the leader through the slice in the styrofoam two or three times. The result is a straight, clean and dry piece of leader ready for whatever use you wish for. This, also, works well for coiled leaders that are already snelled, and in use. *P. J. Gattus, Wantagh, N.Y.*

Although I have never tried your idea, it sounds like a solid suggestion. There are probably many ways to solve the problem of coiled leader and I have used another approach that I'll discuss in a minute. I have to agree about the tape stick-um that adheres to the line and can be a big problem. You seem to have the best solution there: wash it off. I have used another approach to removing the coil with some success. I am reluctant to pull the leader across another surface since I am concerned about weakening and abrasion. Therefore, I like to cut five foot lengths and tie one end to a ceiling beam and then suspend a few ounces of lead from the other end. In a few days, the coil is gone and I have not found that the weight of a few ounces weakens the line. Dr. W. Muller.

DO YOU PLAN A YEARLY INDEX?

I have been subscribing to the LIF for four years and have found it a most useful publication. I fall into the category of novice or golfer turned fisherman. Learning the ropes has been made much easier with the articles and information in the LIF.

Being an occasional fisherman, I have found a problem which I'm sure many others have also confronted. If a group of us decide to take a trip during flounder season I try to refresh myself on hardware, technique, and locations. This means leafing through the last four years of LIF and hunting until I pick all of the articles on flounder fishing. My buddies are glad that I did, but it is a pain.

What I'm suggesting is a yearly index. Many other publications use this technique, and it sure would be easier to look up "Flounder" and find the articles that would be pertinent. *Pat Kavanah, Monroe, New York.*

The idea of a year-end index has much merit and indeed, we have talked about it on and off for a few years. The last time we ran a year-end index was 1974 and our readers told us that it was a valuable way to find specific information. We are pleased to inform our readers that we are very seriously considering compiling an index for 1980 and the topic will be on the agenda for an editors' meeting at the end of January. We will keep you informed. Dr. W. A. Muller.

NEEDS INFO ON BASS FISHING IN THE HUDSON RIVER

In my recent correspondence with Barry Gibson of the *Salt Water Sportsmen* magazine, I had asked him for information on fishing for striped bass in the Hudson River, particularly between Newburg and Havestraw. In his reply he said he didn't have any current information. He said that perhaps writing to your publication I might be able to get the information I was after.

As a one-time resident of Long Island (Wantagh), I spent many hours casting for bass. Upon moving upstate, my equipment has been in mothballs. Recently I have heard about stripers in the Hudson. This has rekindled my interest in fishing for them. Whatever information you could supply me with would be greatly appreciated both by me and my Luxor. *Robt. Shute, Chester, New York.*

The Saltwater Sportsman and The Long Island Fisherman are old friends. They refer folks to us and we to them. I know that the people in Massachusetts try to be helpful, just as we do, but there are some things that are beyond everyone's expertise. The Long Island Fisherman does publish articles from time to time about Hudson River fishing, but you may find more information on that article in our sister publication based in New Jersey. We have sent you a subscription blank which gives all the info needed to subscribe to any or all of our publications. You might also want to chat with a local bait and tackle shop owner or join a fishing club in your area. Bass fishing in the Hudson River seems to be at its best early in the year. Depending on weather conditions that might be March or April. Both artificials and natural bait techniques work well, and although most fish are schoolies, there is the chance for an occasional cow. Dr. W. A. Muller.

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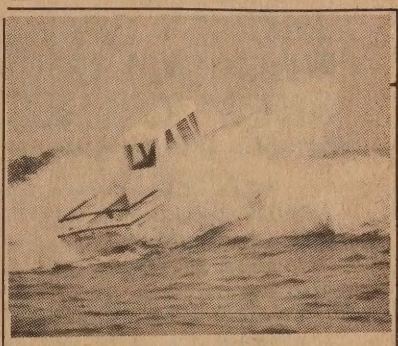

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TACKLE DOCTOR

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A friend of mine swears that ceramic guides actually destroy fishing lines like monofilament because they heat up when the line rubs over them when a tuna makes a long, hard run. He puts roller guides on all his trolling rods. Is there any truth to this? Rod Barth, Neptune.

Yes. Although the ceramic guides are known for being virtually indestructible and won't wear out even if you take a file to them, they can cause mono lines to fray under extreme cases of long, hard rubbing of the line, as when a large fish rips off hundreds of feet of line. Most ceramic guides have a plastic ring to hold the actual guide ring in position within the guide frame. The plastic ring does not allow the heat built up from line friction to dissipate to the guide frame, as on an all-metal roller.

You can prevent this by pouring a cupful of water on the reel spool after your lines are set out and the rods placed in the rod holders. The water serves as a coolant and lubricant.

Under actual fishing conditions, it is rare that the guides would heat up as your friend describes, but yes—it can happen. Most of my personal offshore rods and nearly every jigging rod or casting rod is equipped with ceramic guides of several different brands. I've only met this problem once: while bonefishing with four pound test line, and after quite a long run, the line was actually fraying off the rod guides like tiny snowflakes. A quick loosening of the drag still didn't prevent the loss of the fish. The guides were extremely hot after that long run.

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I fish mostly from jetties and don't have a large station wagon to carry my gear. I am constantly busting the tiptops on my rods. Although a Fuji guide is nice for the line, it is a pain to keep replacing when broken on a rock or in the car. What can I do? John Burden, Camden.

Ceramic guides are tough, but they can break if really battered by hard use or bumping around in a car. Some might tell you to treat your tackle better, but I know how you have to scramble the rocks at times to gaff a fish or how carefully a rod is stowed after fishing for six hours straight on a cold October night!

I'd switch to a high quality, hard-chromed guide. Look for the Varmac brand with the dull silver finish. It not only has a hard-chrome finish, but it is treated with a special coating to resist saltwater corrosion. The guide rings are large and nearly impossible to break and they are strongly secured to the tiptop frame.

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I have a drawer full of messed up plugs with rusty hooks and scraped finishes. How can I best apply a new finish? Tom Barker, New York.

I spray my used plastic plugs with a white primer coat of spray paint and then spray with a good quality epoxy spray finish. The paints come in a wide variety of colors, including silver. One sweep with a blue or black spray across the back of the plug and the lure will look almost as good as when it was first bought.

Wooden plugs should be treated to a good sanding; plastic wood to fill in the holes and a double coating of oil-based sealer house paint. I use the same epoxy spray paints for the finish coats.

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I have an old Fiberglas pole that I inherited from my uncle. The rod is over twenty years old, is brown in color; I can see the Fiberglas cloth pattern in it and there isn't much of a shiny coating on the rod like those now made. Part of the decal reads, "Cono..." but the following letters are scraped off. Can you identify the rod; can I fish with it, and is it worth anything? Stewart Roth, Plainfield.

The rod sounds like a Conolon rod, now a division of Garcia Tackle Company. Conolon was one of the pioneer Fiberglas rod builders of the late Forties and early Fifties, but the rod is probably not worth much to a collector, although it may have sentimental value to you. The resins used in the older Fiberglas rods were known to crystallize after extended use; so I wouldn't recommend you use that rod for daily fishing. You could scrub the rod with a fine steel wool, and apply a complete coat of clear epoxy rod finish over the entire rod. It would preserve it and protect it. Match it

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I have read that roller guides are better than ring guides for bottom fishing, especially when in deep water with heavy weights. Is there any truth to this? Mark Dennis.

Yes and no! Better is in the mind of the fisherman using the rod. Roller guides offer less line resistance and consequently, don't heat up the line as much as do the standard ring guides under the run of a fast fish. However, roller guides must be kept clean and lubricated to function perfectly, while ring guides need little care. In most bottom fishing situations, I'd stick with the ring guides. Offshore speedsters like tuna, marlin, and makos may need rollers; but not cod, blackfish or even deep-jigged bluefish.

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Is there any truth to the theory that bergalls make good baits? Don Tribbets, Newark.

My second largest striped bass, a 49 lb. hummer, was caught on a bergall. Fish it whole, but try cutting the dorsal fins off so the bass can swallow it better. Chunks of bergall can be used for blackfish, sea bass and bluefish, but other baits like worms, bunker, clams or squid are favored.

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In your opinion, which is better: a deep V hull or a modified? I am ready to buy a new center console boat this spring and want to know which you think is better?

Neither is really "better" than the other. The deeper V is a far softer riding boat than the modified—a reason that many offshore distance runners purchase deep Vs. The deep Vs draw far more water, making them unsuitable if you fish strictly in a bay, like at Tices Shoal behind Island Beach. Deep Vs can be a bit more "rock and roller" type boats while drifting; while the modified is more stable. One of the deepest is the Hydra Sports 2100 and 2400 models. I ran a 2100 for several months and really got to appreciate its very soft ride while running thirty to forty miles offshore for sharks. My present boat is a 23 Mako with slightly less V. It doesn't ride quite as soft, but seems to be more stable while on a drift while deep jigging or chumming.

Your best bet would be to try and take a ride in the type of boat you are interested in to see firsthand which pleases you more. Personally, I like deep Vs for the comfortable rides; but then, I won't be running your boat. You will, and you have to please yourself.

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My line often becomes very twisted when using a Hopkins or a diamond jig. It happens with both spinning and baitcasting tackle, but is worse with the spinning equipment. How can I prevent this and do I have to replace the line when it happens? Bob DiBarber, South Amboy.

A good quality snap swivel should prevent it, but we, too, experience line twist after a full day of fishing even with the swivel. A more expensive Sampo ball bearing swivel will be best. While running back into port, we stream the line, minus any terminal hardware and let out about 200'. The action of the water running along the line "combs out" any twist that may be in the line. Reel it back in, tie on a new snap and you are ready to fish again. No need to replace the line.

Excess twisting with spinning reels is usually caused by turning the reel handle while line is being taken from the reel against the drag. Every turn of the handle puts one twist in the line. It doesn't take long to build up so much twist that the line is unfishable. Keep an eye on the drag. When you hear the clicker spring, you know line is coming off the spool: stop reeling. Try a pumping action by raising and lowering the rod to gain line.

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Where can I get information on tagging sharks, the equipment needed and how to obtain the tags?

Write to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Narragansett Laboratory, RR 7, South Ferry Rd., Narragansett, R.I. 02882, attention of Jack Casey, the biologist heading up the tagging program.

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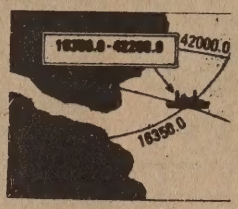

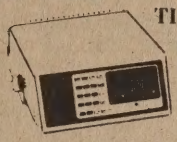

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BLUEFISH PLAN REMAINS STALLED. Despite the tremendous expression of public sentiment in favor of a bluefish management plan (as demonstrated at public hearings last March), the National Marine Fisheries Service continues to frustrate the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's efforts to move ahead. The Council submitted a work plan for approval to NMFS on July 16, 1979. As of January 2, NMFS (working at its usual breakneck pace) had not completed the simple task of approving the work plan. Nevertheless, staff work on the fisheries management plan has begun and a public hearing draft is scheduled for completion by April.

NATIONAL SCENE
with Al Ristori

BLUEFISH MANAGEMENT

The submission of a work plan is a relatively new and totally unnecessary addition to the already drawn-out system involved in preparing management plans. Ironically, the work plan delay grew out of Executive Order 12044—an attempt by the President to cut down on excessive paper work and regulation. The NMFS interpretation of this Order involved the requirement that the Councils must prepare a work plan and regulatory analysis, and hold a scoping meeting, before going ahead with any management plan. All of this might seem reasonable in some other areas of government where excessive regulation has been costing the taxpayer a fortune, but the 200-Mile law specifically requires the Councils to set up management plans for the species in their respective regions.

Indeed, the wording in the act couldn't be clearer: "Each Council shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act—(1) prepare and submit to the Secretary a fishery management plan with respect to **each fishery** within its geographical area of authority and, from time to time, such amendments to each such plan as are necessary." If, after all the paper work and meetings, the work plan is accepted—then the only loser is the taxpayer, whose monies have been wasted in the process. Actually, the taxpayer is the only loser if you consider that no harm has been done to the fisheries due to the delay. On the other hand, if the work plan is not approved, a confrontation situation is created between the Council (with its obligation under law to manage the fisheries within its region) and NMFS (with its desire to prevent the Councils from effectively using the powers granted to them in the legislation).

Lest my readers get the impression that I'm the only one upset by this additional paper work burden imposed by NMFS, let me assure you that many other Council members throughout the country feel the same way. Ben Hardesty, Shakespeare VP and chairman of the South Atlantic Council, laid it out before the Fisheries Subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee last spring as follows: "From our reading of the Act, we feel that it was the intent of Congress that a fishery management plan be developed for each fishery within a Council's geographical area of authority. We, therefore, view it as highly inappropriate that NOAA dictate what plans can or cannot be developed." NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) is the parent organization in the Department of Commerce in which NMFS is included.

The way NMFS has been sitting on the bluefish work plan indicates that nothing has changed since earlier last year when they sat on three management plans submitted by the Mid-Atlantic Council far beyond the sixty days permitted for Secretarial review within the law. Having gotten away with that (when the Council failed to take a strong stand in protest), there is no telling how far NMFS will go in re-establishing their control over the entire management process.

STATUS OF OTHER MANAGEMENT PLANS

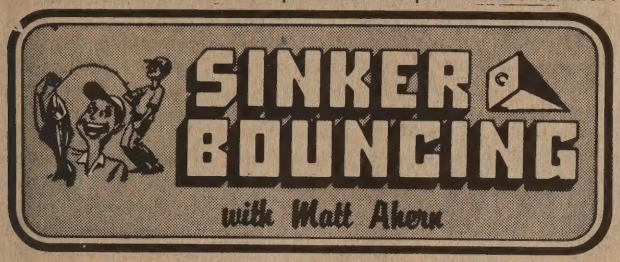
Public hearings on the butterfish plan were held in Riverhead, Galilee, R.I., and Philadelphia earlier this month. Amendment #1 would simply extend this plan until the end of March, 1981, since the basic plan (which NMFS sat on) will not be implemented until a few weeks before the end of this fishing year. The amendment will simply continue the present system for the 1980-1981 fishing year. The optimum yield is set at 11,000 metric tons, with 7,000 going to the domestic industry and 4,000 metric tons of "surplus" being allocated to foreign countries. Due to the great value of squid overseas, there is much competition for the butterfish quota. Butterfish are taken in the course of the winter squid fishery and any country exceeding their butterfish quota while trawling squid will have to stop fishing altogether. Though the Italians and Spanish don't seem too interested in the butterfish as a food fish, the Japanese have developed a good market for them and would like all they can get. Domestic commercial fishermen are rapidly increasing their catch of both squid and butterfish for the export market, and the Mid-Atlantic Council is encouraging this development. Within a few years, the present "surplus" in both species will probably disappear as domestic harvesters become capable of catching the entire optimum yield.

The U.S. commercial harvest of butterfish increased by 146% from 1977 to 1978, reaching a total of 3,563.3 metric tons. At the same time, foreign catches dropped to 1,324.2 metric tons—little more than one-third of their allocation. That was probably due to restrictions on by-catch and time and area of fishing. The latest assessments by Woods Hole indicate that the fishery is in good shape.

A possible problem for sport fishermen is the development of a work plan to extend this plan beyond the end of the 1980-1981 fishing year and to merge it with the squid and mackerel plans. While there is no objection to joining the squid and butterfish plans (since they are basically commercial fisheries and the species are often caught together), mixing in the mackerel (which has been primarily a recreational species in recent years) could create a climate in which sporting interest in that fish could be overruled by the desire to build up a big domestic commercial fishery for them. We'll be watching this potential development closely.

Work plans for scup (porgies), sea bass, tilefish, "other flounders" (all but fluke and yellowtail), summer flounder (fluke) and dogfish were submitted to NMFS for approval on November 21. Public hearing drafts are scheduled for completion by July for porgies and sea bass; September for tilefish; December for other flounders; August, 1981 for summer flounder, and October, 1981 for dogfish. The shark plan is bogged down, and the staff is waiting for more background information from the Northeast Fisheries Center.

Most fishermen I know have a warm spot in their hearts for party boat fishing which, I suppose, is nothing new. Lately, though, I've noticed an increased interest toward this particular activity. Of this I'm sure, because over the past several months my reader-mail has shown evidence of more than ordinary curiosity. Where I used to get an average of one party boat inquiry a week, I now get three, four, or more—all from newcomers to the sport. Most queries are similar:



SELECTING A PARTY BOAT

which is the best party boat? Who is the best skipper? What fish are easiest to catch? What tackle should I use? And so on. These questions are tough to answer because there is much more to party boat fishing than meets the eye. For instance, take that first question on which is the best party boat. There lies a baited trap if ever I saw one. I couldn't answer that because I don't believe there is a "best" party boat. Nor would I venture to say there are party boat skippers consistently better at the game than others. What may be the "best" party boat for me may not necessarily be the one for you; and a skipper whom I consider to be an excellent fish producer may not appear as so to others. Lest you think otherwise, let me say that this is no cop-out. As a dedicated party boat fisherman with over fifty years experience (as both paying passenger and mate—and on occasion, part-time skipper), I still haven't found an answer to those two questions. There is more to it than that.

For instance, suppose I were to recommend a particular party boat, one in which I have full confidence as a consistent fish catcher. My reply to these inquisitive fellows might be: "Go out on the Big Zip. They always catch fish." And then suppose these fellows take my word as gospel, go out—and get skunked to a fare-thee-well!

You may be sure those poor guys don't want to know the reasons why those fish went on a hunger strike that day. They don't want to know (nor do they care) that those fish were biting like crazy during the previous two weeks, or the fact that their ill-fated trip was truly the only non-producer in months. All those discouraged fishermen know is that at day's end they've got an empty bucket.

The first thing these sad fellows can be counted on to do is look upon all fishing scribes with a jaundiced eye. Should they fire off a hot-under-the-collar letter, I wouldn't blame them one bit. The second thing they'd certainly do would be to avoid that particular boat at all costs, and by so doing, it is more than likely they'd defeat themselves by missing out on some excellent fishing during future trips aboard that very same boat.

Okay, then, what do you do? How do you find a fish-producing party boat? To answer that, I'll tell you how I went about it in the long ago when I first became interested in this type of fishing.

First, I made sure to read all the fishing reports in the daily newspaper fishing columns of the day. (There were no magazines similar to The Fisherman in those days.) I would then discuss any boat of interest with those fellows who had fished aboard it. I listened and I asked questions. Many questions. And only then did I make up my mind—yes or no.

All this seems like common sense—and, of course, it is. Most fishermen today go about their party boat searching in a like manner. But even when I found what looked like a good prospect, I often discovered I was still not out of the woods. Now we get back to what was said before about the "best" party boat for me may not necessarily be the one for you.

I recall one time being interested in a certain codfishing boat from Canarsie. The skipper, I was told by a neighborhood fisherman, was a cod hunter par excellence. Naturally, I took my advisor's word for it and went aboard that particular boat. I found that what I had been told was certainly true. I caught all the cod I wanted—but I never went aboard that boat again.

That boat was filthy—and I mean filthy. Dried fish slime, matted scales, even an accumulation of offal, was evident wherever one looked. Some of this gunk, I swear, was days old; and even in the cold, the odor of rotted fish squirreled away somewhere was noticeable. I felt sure that boat hadn't been scrubbed down in weeks. The skipper, who indeed was an excellent cod hunter, was also a full-fledged rum sot. There is no doubt in my mind that had the weather turned sour that day, all of us aboard would have been in serious trouble.

When I told my friendly neighborhood advisor what he could do with any future recommendations, I recall he shrugged his shoulders and said something like: "What's the difference? You caught fish, didn't you? Besides, all that other stuff doesn't bother me one bit."

That's what I mean about the best boat not necessarily being the one for every fisherman. True, most of those poor conditions I experienced that day would be hard to find now. There isn't a skipper I know who hasn't pride in his boat and I can't imagine any of these hard-working, professional fishermen ever treating their vessels in such a manner.

The best method I know to select a party boat is to try as many as possible until you find one which suits your individual temperament. Hopefully, this won't take too long. You've got to take into consideration just what kind of fishing you plan to do. Some party boats devote every day to inshore fishing—bays, etc.; some fish both bay and ocean as various fish become available; and some spend every day fishing the offshore ocean grounds. My preference has always been those boats which fish the ocean on a daily basis. There is no explanation for this, except that that is the way I began my party boat fishing career. I've come to love it with a passion which the uninitiated find hard to believe.

Outside of the fact that you've caught fish aboard it, how do you know when a party boat is "right" for you? I can't help you here. Again we harken back to individual temperament. But you will surely know when you've found the boat for you. Perhaps it is because of

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Party Boat Fishing is great sport, especially when you catch sea bass like this.

FISHING THE "EDGES"

Long Island's South Shore bays and inlets are marked by miles of shallow flats. In many cases, these shallows are bordered by comparatively deep channels. In some places, the line of demarcation is marked by a sharp dropoff; while in other spots, the change in water depth is gradual, slipping away a foot at a time. Such areas are ideal locations to find game fish such as weaks, fluke, blues and bass seeking an easy meal. These predators frequently prowl the edges of such bottom formations in pursuit of food being swept off of the flats into deeper water. Wise anglers learn very quickly that working these borders can be very productive. Knowing where they are and how to fish them can be the key to many pleasant days afloat.

One of the easiest ways to find such spots is to study a chart of the area in which you do most of your fishing. Look over carefully the locations where depths measuring two or three feet are found alongside those that range anywhere from ten to thirty feet. Reading the chart will give you a good idea of what the bottom formation looks like before you even attempt to fish it.

Once you are on the water, careful exploration of what you have noted on your chart, can give you some added insight into fishing the area. A calm day with little wind is recommended for getting the most out of these exploratory trips. Run your boat as slowly and carefully as you can towards the shallow edge and keep an eye on the bottom. Try to get a good idea of the slope and note where you lose sight of the bottom. This is often the most productive spot on the edge—whether the depth be eight feet or twenty feet.

Also, figure out how you will drift over the location under different wind and tide conditions. Very often, the best results are had by working a lure or bait from the shallows into the dropoff. At times, working along, rather than across, the dark or deeper side of the edge, is more productive. A good white line recorder is very useful for such a situation. With it, you see just where game fish are lying in relation to the dropoff and at what depth they are most active. A recorder is not a necessity for fishing the edges, but it sure is nice to have.

Several techniques are used to fish the edges, depending on the area and the species sought. Fluke love the sandy shelves that border deep water mussel beds. They are taken predominantly by drifting along the drop when conditions permit. When wind or tide are such that this tactic is a practice in frustration, then slowly trolling spearing or killie baits along the edge can result in some super fluke action. One area that adapts well to these tactics is the southern edge of Farm Shoals, just across the channel from the old Fire Island Lighthouse.

Weakfishmern—particularly in the spring—choose to drift and cast or else drag jellyworms, sandworms and the like in their wake. The Heckscher flats are a good example of an area that slopes gradually to deeper water. While good scores are often made in the skinny water, well up on the flats, I have found the best overall action in the six to seven foot depths bordering the sandy shallows. The favorite tactic here is to run up on the flats with a southerly wind blowing and then work your way off into eight or ten feet of water. Continue the same drift, but move to the east or west on each succeeding drift until you hit fish. Then find a range and narrow down your drift to keep you on the productive path of the slope.

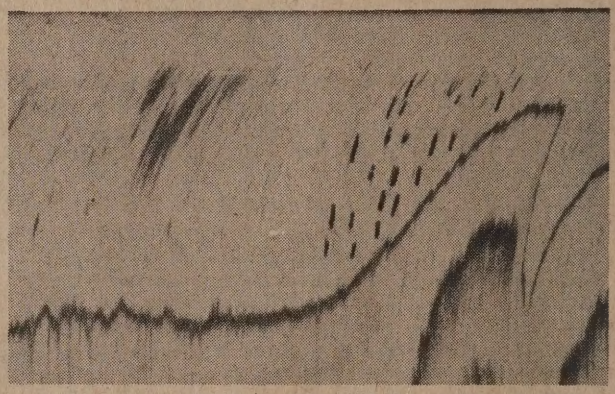
If conditions are such that you find yourself drifting along the edge, so much the better. Vary your runs so that you cover all of the water between the shallow edge and the deep side of the drop. Should the yellowfins be concentrated in a limited area, you might want to anchor up and stay on top of the hotspot. This, providing of course, that you can do it without interfering with the activity of other anglers in the area.

When wind or tide are fairly strong, I like to use a drag or sea anchor to slow down my drift. This permits better coverage of an area (more casts per drift) and will also keep you over the productive spot for a longer period of time.

The stretch of deep dropoffs that run along a good portion of South Beach in Great South Bay is a favorite hang-out for stripers. Quite a few nice bass have fallen to big swimming plugs that we work slowly out of the shallows and over the darkened edge. Likewise, live bait drifted along the deep edge are so much candy for stripers lying in wait for an easy meal. Bucktails, jigged on wire along certain stretches of this edge, have produced some nice catches of fish in the past. The "Elbow" in Moriches Inlet is another good example of a spot with deep water bordered by shoal water. It too, is a good producer of stripers, along with delivering some fine fluke action.

Keep in mind that because you will be running in shallow water, fish are easily spooked by any hotrodding around. Approach shallow edges at low speeds and without a lot of unnecessary manuevering. Fish like the comfort of having a certain amount of water over their heads, but also like to have shallow water feeding grounds just a flick of the tail away.

Give the dropoffs a try in the season ahead. Instead of working the middle of channels, nose on up to that half-exposed mound of sand and get the edge over everyone else in 1980.



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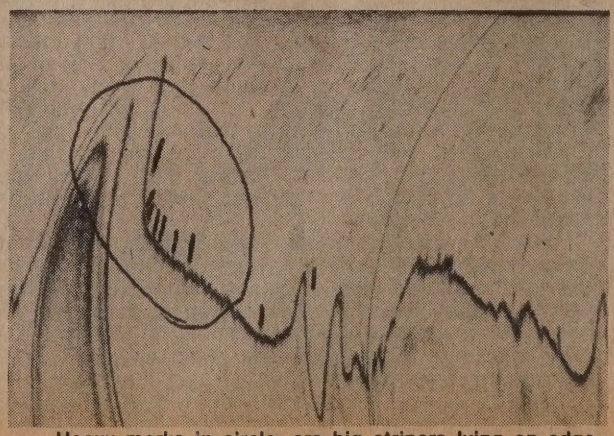

Heavy marks in circle, are big stripers lying on edge of steep drop along South Beach.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

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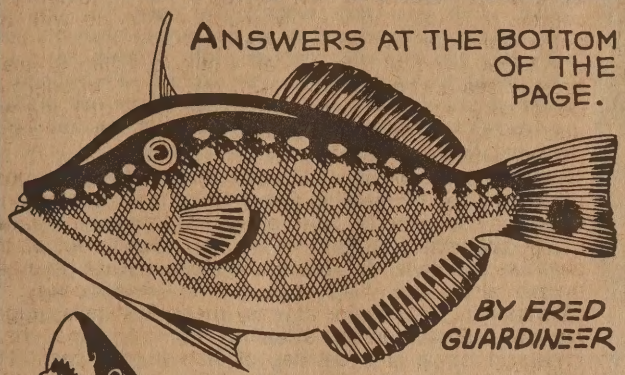
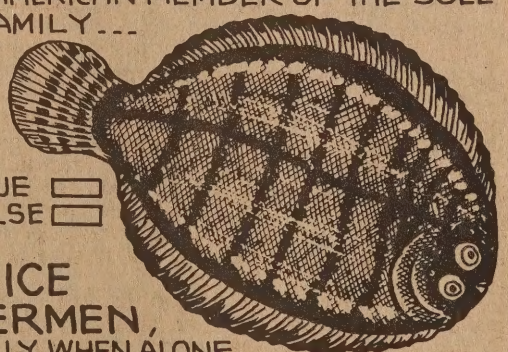


BY FRED GUARDINEER

(2) **SALTWATER ANGLERS** SHOULD NOT BE TOO SURPRISED IF AND WHEN A SALTWATER LICENSE PROGRAM IS INTRODUCED AS A MEANS OF FUNDING FISHING AND FISHING FACILITIES. WHAT STATES ALREADY HAVE SOME TYPE OF SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE?

(3) **THE LARGEST THRESHER SHARK** EVER CAUGHT – *OFF NEW ZEALAND IN 1975 ON 80 LB. TEST LINE* – WEIGHED 739 LBS. HOW LONG WAS IT'S TAIL IN RELATION TO THE LENGTH OF ITS BODY?

(4) **HOGCHOKERS** MAKE A HANDSOME TANK FISH AND IN THE WILD GROW TO 14 INCHES- ARE DELICIOUS TO EAT DESPITE A TOUGH SKIN. THEY ARE THE ONLY AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE SOLE FAMILY...



TRUE ☐
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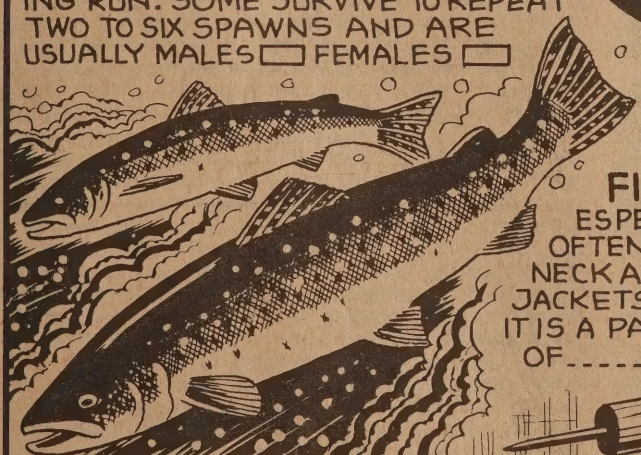
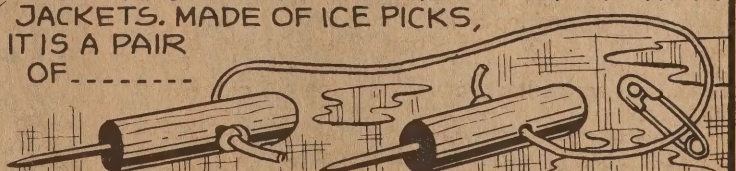
(5) **ATLANTIC SALMON,** UNLIKE PACIFIC SALMON, DO NOT ALL DIE IN THEIR FIRST SPAWNING RUN. SOME SURVIVE TO REPEAT TWO TO SIX SPAWNS AND ARE USUALLY MALES ☐ FEMALES ☐



(6) **ICE FISHERMEN,** ESPECIALLY WHEN ALONE, OFTEN WEAR THIS EQUIPMENT AROUND THEIR NECK AND PINNED TO THE FRONT OF THEIR JACKETS. MADE OF ICE PICKS, IT IS A PAIR OF.....



1 - FALSE. IT'S BECAUSE THEIR ABRASIVE SKIN, WHEN DRIED, CAN BE USED AS SANDPAPER-OR A FILE. 2 - CALIFORNIA, ALASKA, OREGON, ALABAMA, TEXAS, LOUISIANA & NORTH CAROLINA. 3 - AS LONG AS ITS BODY. THE TAIL OF A THRESHER SHARK IS EQUAL IN LENGTH TO ITS BODY. 4 - TRUE. 5 - FEMALES. 6 - ICE CLAWS - TO ENABLE A FISHERMAN TO PULL HIMSELF OUT OF THE WATER IF HE FALLS THROUGH THE ICE.

FISH TALK with William A. Muller

BLUEFISH SURPRISES

IT WAS A GOOD BLUE YEAR! That may sound like a contradiction of terms since a good year shouldn't be "blue"—meaning sad. However, since this is a fishing magazine, everyone knows right off the bat that "blue" means bluefish, of course. Indeed, it was a good year for the slashing, chopping, voracious animals that we call by so many names that sometimes you need a score card! The only place where blues may have been rated as a slight disappointment could be Montauk, where the usual steady summer action just wasn't there. So there's surprise number one. Many an expert scratched their heads and asked how the blues could be thick off Patchogue and north Jersey, swarming around the reefs, rips, and ledges of Long Island Sound, and yet be scarce under the great light!

SURPRISE NUMBER TWO! Although the answer to the strange distribution of blues around the Island cannot be accurately identified, many guesses seem to make sense. The usual rundown seems appropriate: lack of bait, too much bait, different bait; water too warm, water too cold; overfishing and underfishing. In spite of the troubling lack of blues in certain spots, the lack of great quantities of small fish was even more surprising and more troubling. In 1978 there were small blues—one to three pounders—everywhere. They charged into Great South Bay in late April well in advance of the weakfish and it was only a week or so before they were everywhere in Long Island Sound. The fish were so abundant that they could actually be counted on in some spots until well into July. What happened to them? The textbook says that they should return just a little bigger the next year and then bigger the next, and so on, until they qualify as gorillagators. After all, isn't that what happened in the mid-1960s and into the early 1970s? Well, they fooled us and again, one is at a loss to explain why they didn't come back in numbers even approaching those of 1978. If you want reasons, just rewrite the list of excuses listed at the top of this paragraph.

SURPRISE NUMBER THREE! Each year now for about a decade or so, the big blues have been invading the harbors of Long Island Sound. The best of the action was in the early 1970s when huge schools of fish, mostly eight to twelve pounds, were annual summer visitors. Every harbor had its share of the action and the season was long; usually some action began in late June and then, on and off, good fishing persisted into the fall. Of late, the blues have only put on a good harbor show in the fall, with October being the best month in most years. In this case, we do seem to have a ready explanation. The vast schools of bunker that were so prevalent in the early part of this decade are just not what they were and the blues seem content to chase sand eels and other baits out in deeper water. There are bunker around, to be sure, and there have even been some large schools, but the fish have stayed in deep-Sound rather than move into the harbors probably because with fewer bunker and thus less competition, there simply was nothing to move them inshore. However, the bunker do come inshore and to the surface in the fall as cooling water temperatures and a renewed growth of their favorite plankton occurs in the shallows. It is then that we see them working in tight circles and occasionally exploding as big blues, weaks, and big bass tear into them. It is a scene like that which will stir the blood of any fisherman. As the bunker and blues thinned out in the harbors, it became less and less likely that the blues could be fooled with plugs except at night and only on some nights. It is not unusual for a less competitive feeding activity to render the predators more wary. Thus, it usually takes a fresh dead bait or a live bait to take them. Even then, one must make the presentation in just the right spot and in just the right way. This year that wasn't the case and big blues seemed to respond well to plugs: large pencil poppers in the day and big swimmers at night. I must say it was a surprise, but a welcome one! What will happen next year is anybody's guess; but for a Christmas present, I have asked Santa to bring us lots of bunker next year.

SURPRISE NUMBER FOUR! Now, as I have indicated above, big blues usually respond to big plugs. Most of the time white works best, but there are times when blue or silver and perhaps yellow are also good. **Big baits catch big fish!** That's the rule in the book, but as we well know, there are times when even the biggest bass or blue will only look at the smallest bait. This usually occurs when they are feeding on something small like sand eels or spearing, but it is rare when the natural fodder is something large like bunker or herring. Yet this year...well, let me tell you a story. I was working the harbors and picking away at big blues for several weeks. There were no blitzes, but there was a steady pick and with the fish mostly ranging in size from twelve to sixteen pounds, a steady pick was more than sufficient. At times, the blues wanted only bunker, but there were many nights when they would take plugs and typically, they wanted them big and white. Well, one night the fish were there but they wouldn't take anything—even live bunker! I tried every plug I had too, except for one that I never thought to use because it didn't seem natural. I carried the plug just in case I stumbled upon bass, but never thought that I would use it. Finally in desperation, I put it on. Rebels, RedFins, Rapalas, and other such plugs are great lures, so when I say desperation I certainly don't mean that they aren't good, but rather that a seven inch swimming plug just didn't seem to be a good imitation of a bunker. I was carrying a Bill Norman plug—another quality version of the Swedish swimming designed plug. The Bill Norman plug is different in one way, though, since it contains a small metal ball that rumbles and rattles as you retrieve the plug. Well, I threw that plug out and on the first cast, I had a hit, so I stuck with it awhile. About fifteen minutes later I was into a good fish. I had quite a hard time with that fish, too; and as I dragged it close to the shore, the fish simply held its ground and insisted on taking line towards the mouth of the harbor. I couldn't tighten the drag because I didn't want to pull the hook out of the fish and I didn't want the hook to pull out of the plug. Finally, I won the battle and a 19½ lb. blue dressed the bank. Needless to say, that's quite a blue. In the course of the battle, the blue impaled the tail treble into its gut and with that leverage against the twisting and thrashing that a blue can muster, the front hook pulled through the split ring and as I dragged the fish up the beach it was hooked only in the skin of the gut. The fish fell off, of course, and I had to do a little jig to save the fish, but I did. After that experience, I used the plug successfully on a half dozen other nights. Were the blues feeding on another fish that was long and slender and mixed with the bunker? Had the bunker moved out once in awhile, only to be replaced with a long, slender bait? Who knows, but the lure worked. Maybe the rattle of the plug encouraged a hit or two that otherwise might not have happened! Incidentally, I found that the Bill Norman plugs also worked on bass when they were herding bunker around the mouth of Hempstead Harbor. Could this be a trend?

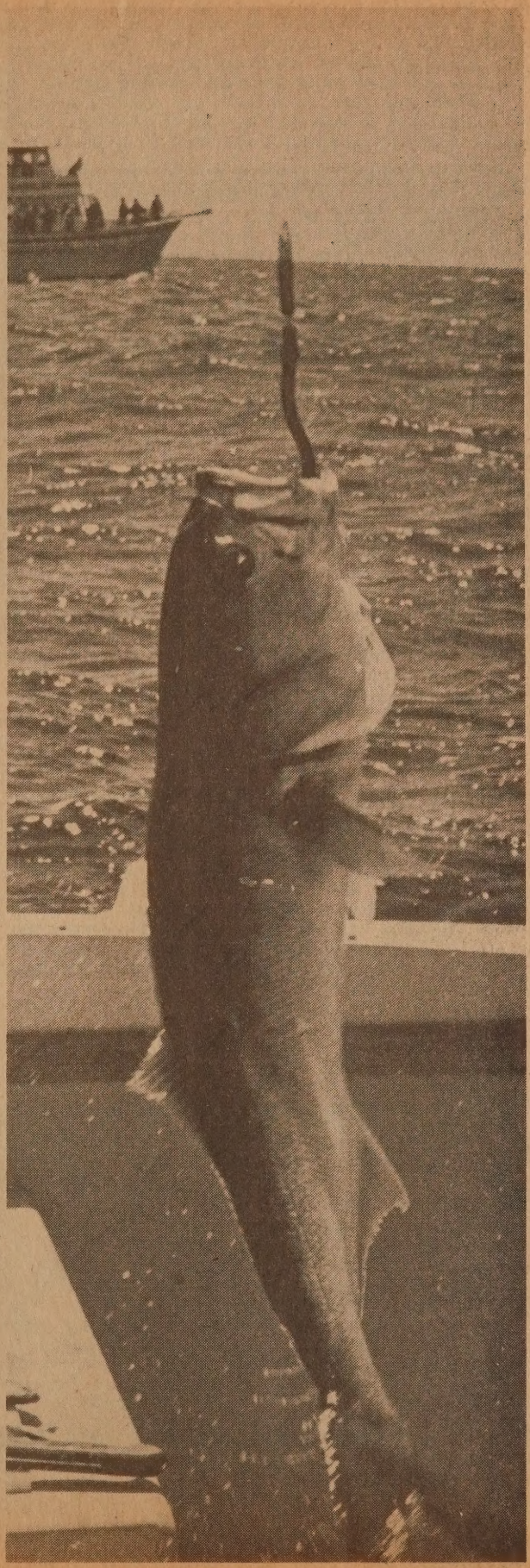
SURPRISE NUMBER FIVE! Although it is true that small blues commonly enter into Peconic Bay each spring, it is also true that fish larger than three pounds are unusual, except for Jessup's Neck and a few points east of there. Nonetheless, the blues became confused and for about a week, there were some large schools of

four to eight pound fish that worked mostly the South Race, but also showed up in the North Race, Nassau Point, off Shinnecock Canal and all the way down to Jamesport. Needless to say, those early arriving and bigger than usual blues surprised more than one weakfisherman. So, many a rubber worm and plastic shrimp was chopped into many pieces before the anglers had a chance to adjust. When the fishermen switched over to sinking plugs, bucktails, and tube lures, the blues began filling up the fish boxes in a hurry. Why did the medium-sized blues work their way deep into Peconic Bay? Well. that's another one of those questions for which there are many answers; yet for which there are none. We can guess, since that's always fun; but the answer remains known only to King Neptune. Some say that since the weakfish are thinning out and the spring runs no longer match the glory years of the early to mid-1970s, that this opens the door to the blues. They come into the bays in early spring and find loads of sand eels. Others sav that the water is cold or warm.

SURPRISE NUMBER SIX! I believe that every fisherman who has fished the South Shore surf truly expected that big blues would be available. The blues had been very reliable in 1977 and then again in 1978. When huge schools of blues began working a short distance off the beach, fishermen were even more encouraged. However, July came and went without much of a bluefish showing. August came and went with only a fish a week to encourage us. In September, the action should have gotten hot, especially off the rocks at Jones Inlet. Unfortunately, nobody told the blues and except for very small flurries here and there, nothing much happened. Well, there was always October! But October disappointed and this was particularly hard to swallow because October was the month when the blues should begin to run the beach front. In the years of the mid-1970s, many a big blue succumbed to chunks of bait tossed into the surf from the Sore Thumb to Jones Inlet. Well, there was some reports of strong flurries to the east—especially at Moriches. However, most of the beach was cool. If you were lucky and were in the right spot at the right time, a school of choppers might pop up in front of you and you could take a fast half-dozen fish. Still, these happy events were the exception and not the rule. It was a great mystery that tremendous quantities of the blues could be stacked just a few miles off the beach and yet never venture close to the beach where most fishermen would get a chance. The party boats continued to score while the beach remained a hit-and-miss situation. Boat fishermen in the back had it no better.

SURPRISE—IT'S NOVEMBER! In November, when the water temperature had cooled to the low fifties, when the bass action of late October fizzled as the big cows moved—somewhere, and when the so-called end of the season was almost upon us, that's when the blues decided to show up. The run was fast and furious, but there was good action while it lasted. Still, the craziest event of all took place towards the end of November. Most of the fishermen agree that strong northwest winds were responsible since a brown slick spread along the South Shore beach for days at a time; but whatever the reason, the blues poured along the beach last fall (late fall)—but out of the reach of the surf fishermen. Just run out the inlet, look for the birds or the thrashing fish, and throw anything. That action lasted for several weeks and it was just too bad that the blues forgot that they are supposed to like warm water.

SURPRISE NUMBER SEVEN! Speaking of warm water...perhaps the biggest surprise came up in the Sound. Although I packed it in in mid-November so I do not have any firsthand reports, reliable reports had the bluefish running the east end North Shore beaches as late as the first week in December. Now, according to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the sea water temperature at both Sandy Hook and Eaton's Neck during the first week in December was 42°!!! Now, you tell me what those crazy blues were doing in the Sound when the water temperature was so cold??



SURF FISHING
with Nick Balamaci

SURF SAFETY TIPS
★ PART THREE ★

More hazards from living things: Should you land a shark, exercise extreme caution until you are sure whether it's a sand shark or not. If it's not, and it's got teeth, cut the leader (on land if you intend to keep it; in shallow water if you do not—and scram!).

Blues and weaks have teeth that must be avoided. If you need to unhook them and don't intend to release them, club them square in the head first, then use a disgorger. The best disgorger is simply made by taking the long and round piece of a wooden coat hanger, cutting a V-notch at one end and sliding two or three inches of surgical tubing over the other. When baitfishing, a disgorger is not needed at once when a fish is caught. Use a fish-finder rig, wherein you pass your main line through the plastic sleeve, then tie on a large Duo-Lock snap. Snap on a barrel-swiveled surf rig and fish it. After landing the fish, simply unsnap the fish and rig, put it on higher ground, and snap on a new rig. Leave the disgorging for later when the fish is dead. When removing artificials, first pin the fish down under a knee or foot, then use the disgorger and do not at any time leave your hands exposed to hooking should the fish swing its head.

The actual disgorging is relatively safe and simple with the above took, whether the fish is alive or dead. If baitfishing, simply place the mono (or wire) leader in the V-notch, and slide the disgorger down to the hook while keeping the leader taut (with artificials you'll have to locate the embedded hook by sight, and place the dowel on its bend). Once the notch is seated on the bend of the hook, and again with the leader taut, push the dowel inward until the hook dislodges, then bring the entire rig or lure out. A hook taken too deeply can be cut out during the cleaning process. Fish hooked in this manner usually will not survive if released, and thus are best kept for the table.

Bass have sharp spines that can puncture waders and flesh. Club the fish if you intend to keep it, and put it on high ground or string it. And again, if you are to release a fish, exercise caution when handling it.

Speaking of stringing fish, I am reminded of a few stories I've heard wherein sharks picked up the chum line exuding from strung fish, and came by to investigate and eat. No anglers were hurt, but these circumstances are enough to scare the waders off most any surfman. Try to keep your fish on the beach if that is at all possible.

Mosquitoes and other biting insects are the bane of the surf-bound angler. Useful in their avoidance are a long-sleeved shirt (or rain top), a lit cigar, and repellent sprayed on the backs of the hands and the neck.

Jellyfish are powerless against a set of waders; be sure not to touch them even if dead. The tails of horseshoe crabs and stingrays alike can be avoided by stepping "low and slow," skimming the surface of the sand you are walking on. This style of wading is a good habit to get into.

Stay a good distance from other casters, and always look rearward before casting yourself. Also before you cast, ensure verbally (no light) that there are no waders or wet-suiters in front of you. Also on the subject of "people"—certain places have acquired a reputation for muggings of night fishermen; among these are Rockaway, City Island, and the lower Hudson River. If you intend to fish in such a location, make sure a buddy or two comes along, as there is less chance of trouble that way.

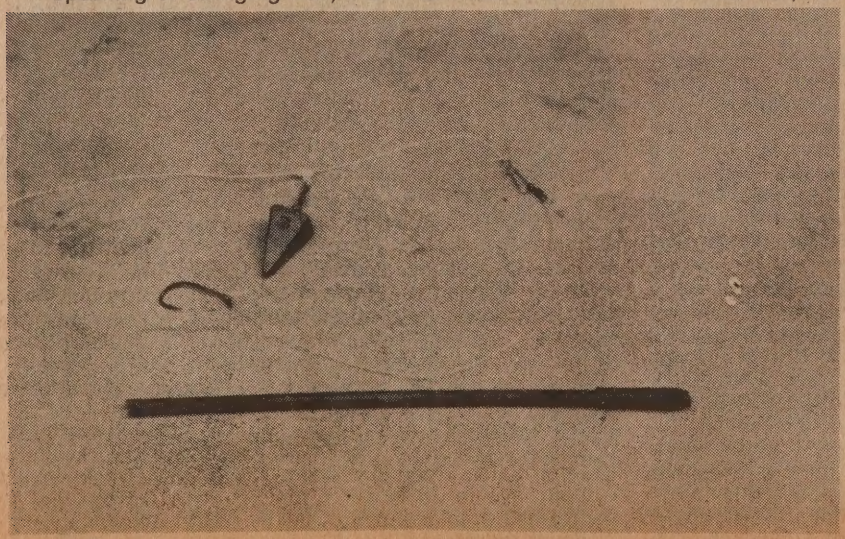
By far the most unusual story in this category that I've heard of tells of a lone caster working bucktails from the tip of a Long Island inlet jetty one November night. He felt something and set the hook into what had to be a record fish from the way it took out line. He fought it for some time, then managed to bring it in close. Suddenly the water erupted nearby and onto the rock pile jumped a seal, which promptly began to chase him! He escaped by climbing up the jetty's light tower. Looking down at his captor, he noticed his bucktail embedded in the animal's side. After a few more tense moments, the seal itself plucked the bucktail out, and dove back into the water. I wouldn't worry too much about the chances of this happening to you, though; that is, not unless you fish a lot in November...

YOURSELF.

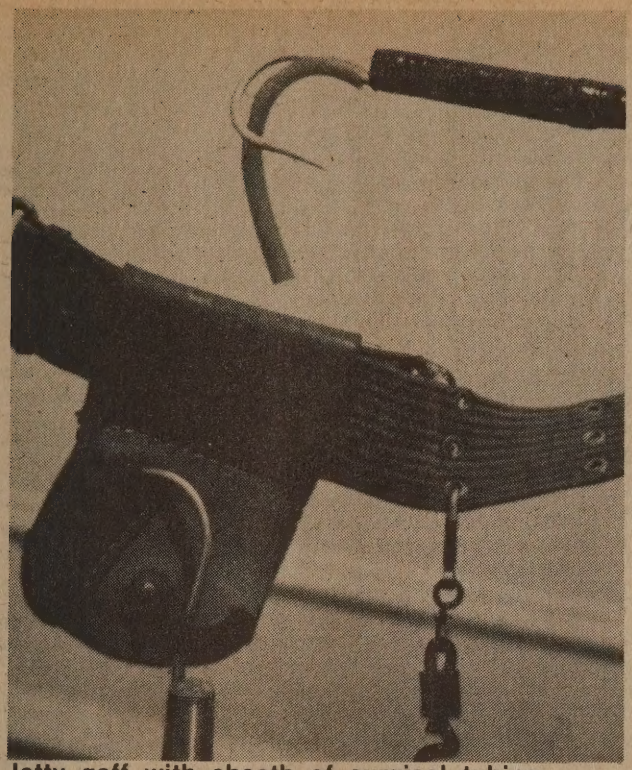
Carry a First Aid kit in your car. Some good ones are commercially available, mainly through sporting goods stores that cater to backpackers. I don't know about you, but I walk away from roughly a third of my surf expeditions with some kind of minor cut or scrape. I keep it minor by using disinfectant and a bandage.

When casting with conventional tackle, some surfmen tape their thumb or wear a cloth glove to avoid burns and blisters. Personally, I find I have no such trouble if I wet the line before casting. However, if you run into problems, you may want to try the tape or glove method.

A surf gaff should be firmly sheathed in plastic or thick leather, as should your knife. Otherwise, an



Illustrated are the Duo-lock fishfinder rig and notched wooden disgorger.



Jetty gaff with sheath of surgical tubing, and surf gaff in thick leather holster.

awkward fall could leave you badly wounded should you fall on a poorly shielded point. Passing a gaff hook through a belt loop and putting a cork on the tip is not adequate protection. Also, a surf gaff is just that—a SURF gaff—and it has no place on a jetty. First of all, if a jetty is low enough to the water that you can just bend over and hit your fish with a one foot gaff, you have no business being on it! Second, if on a safe, high rock pile, it is dangerous to reach or climb down with such a gaff to retrieve a fish. Stay up top on the safe rocks and on your feet, and use a long-handled gaff. This can be fashioned from bamboo, wood, aluminum, etc. and is most useful in seven to eight foot lengths, with cork tape wrapped around it every few feet for a firm hold. A word to the wise: you will never see a regular without one.

Hooks are designed to penetrate and not pull out. If you are hooked **lightly**, you can push the hook all the way through, cut the barb off with your pliers, then back it out again. Apply gauze, keep a steady pressure on it, and get to a doctor at once. If deeply hooked or if the hook is near a vein or artery, do not remove or tamper with it—get to a doctor or emergency room immediately. Also appropriate here is a reminder to stay up-to-date on your tetanus shots. See your doctor about this.

This next paragraph should go without saying, but I have seen too many novices violate this rule for me not to mention it here: **NEVER** mix drinking or drugs (legal or not) with surf fishing (and that means beer, too). The surf and its hazards require the utmost in agility and clarity of mind sometimes in order to stay alive and well. The jetty jockey knocked into the water by a freak wave has a chance of making it if he has his wits about him. If drunk, the chances are better than even that he'll wash up on the beach days later, dead due to his own damn-foolishness. Similarly, a buddy is useless if he's semi-conscious when you take a wrong step into a deep hole just off the beach. I will not fish with a partner who is less than one hundred percent alert. By all means drink if you want to—but do so only on non-fishing nights. If you are taking prescribed medication, check with your doctor about this. A good rule of thumb would seem to be that if you shouldn't drive while under the influence of that medication, you shouldn't do any but the lightest of surf fishing. You are responsible not only to yourself on this one, but to those who fish near you. Again, in testimony to this rule: you will rarely (if ever) see a veteran surfman in a stupor when fishing.

Avoid winding your line around your hand or arm; it can slice right in, under pressure. And when snagged on the bottom close in or in shallow water, point your tip at the snag, hold the rod low, and walk it slowly away, otherwise your sinker or lure could come flying out at you at sixty miles an hour. Similarly, having worked a fish into shallow water, point your rod tip down the beach and parallel to the water and pump the fish in "sideways." If for some reason the hook or lure pulls out, your chances of getting hit with it will be greatly reduced.

I will wind up this series with two suggestions which are of paramount importance: the first is to ALWAYS fish with a buddy. Having a friend along considerably reduces the chance of a **serious** mishap occurring. The only reason I made it back onto the jetty the night I fell in was because a fellow fisherman pulled me out. And after having met and heard the stories of some of our best surfmen, it is abundantly clear to me that many of them would not be fishing, but "pushing daisies" right now if not for a buddy having been along on their close calls. The second item is: if you're very tired, do not drive home in the morning. Take a nap in the car first (motor off and windows open a crack), then head for home. I have seen, been in, and heard of too many near-accidents the morning after an excursion on the beach.

That about does it; I hope this helps. Good luck, stay safe, and have fun!

SELECTING A PARTY BOAT

(Continued from page 9)

the skipper and his attitude; perhaps it is because of his hard-working, congenial crew; perhaps it is that "lucky" feeling one often gets, that exquisite feeling you cannot define, but of which every fisherman is always aware. Perhaps anything. But you'll know it. That I can guarantee.

And when you find that boat on which everything clicks for you—stick with it. You will catch fish and you'll quickly learn what party boat fishing is all about. In no time at all you will become what I like to call a well-rounded fisherman. In fact, if you become like me, you won't be able to wait until that next trip. You'll find yourself counting the hours and fretting should the weather show signs of falling apart as your planned day nears. With fingers crossed, you'll be checking weather signs on an hourly basis (and foolishly staying up later than you should to get the latest TV weather information—which nine out of ten times is wrong, anyway).

And that isn't all. There is nothing like the camaraderie to be found aboard party boats. I'm sure you will find excellent companionship, especially when you mingle with the boat's "regulars," those master fishermen who know almost as much about the game as the skipper. Quite possibly you will make lifelong friends, as I have done. I could tell you stories involving such fellows that would wrench your heart with compassion, and I could add gladsome stories that would bring many a giggle for years to come. Like, for instance, the one about the fellow I knew well who didn't want his daughter to marry because it would surely cost him a day's fishing.

The magical spell cast by the aura of party boat fishing is indeed strong.

For all you fellows who are toying with the idea of party boat fishing, I wish you the best of luck and any information I can give you is yours upon request. All you have to do is ask. Think it over. As for me, I've finished thinking about it—over fifty years ago. I've never regretted it.

BASIC ROD BUILDING

by Pete Barrett

★ PART FOUR ★

APPLYING THE FINISH

The application of the epoxy finish is the final stage in crafting your custom rod. Epoxy coatings have replaced the older varnish finishes of past days as the universal finish—and with good reason. The epoxy doesn't crack as easily, is more durable and provides a high gloss, clear finish that doesn't yellow or fade. The epoxy completely seals off the guide feet, so they should not be affected by saltwater corrosion where the guides meet the wraps.

It is critical to mix the epoxy in exactly equal parts and to mix the two parts thoroughly. Bad mixes and mismatched amounts of the resin and hardener account for many poorly finished rods.

Using a stiff brush, you can use any type of brush stroke that gets the job done. Push, dab or smear the finish into every nook and cranny around the guide feet. Be neat, but don't worry about appearance yet.

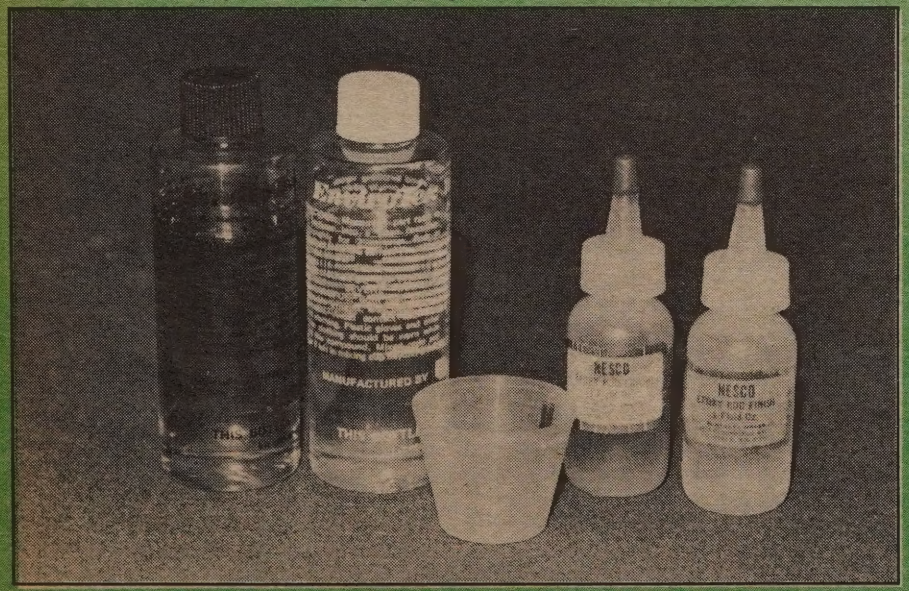
After completely coating the wraps, brush out air bubbles, lumps or blobs with a smoothing back and forth stroke. Lay the brush gently against the end of the wrap and twirl the rod to make a nice neat, even finish line at the edge of the wraps where they meet the blank.

Many tackle shops sell small electric motors that turn at very slow speeds, perfect for turning the rod until the finish sets. A small rotisserie motor works well, too. Tape the butt of the rod to the motor and support the rod blank in V-notched blocks or rollers, as shown in the many rod building books. This constant rolling of the blank prevents the finish from ever building up too much in any one area. The epoxy tends to flow out and smooth out as the rod turns.

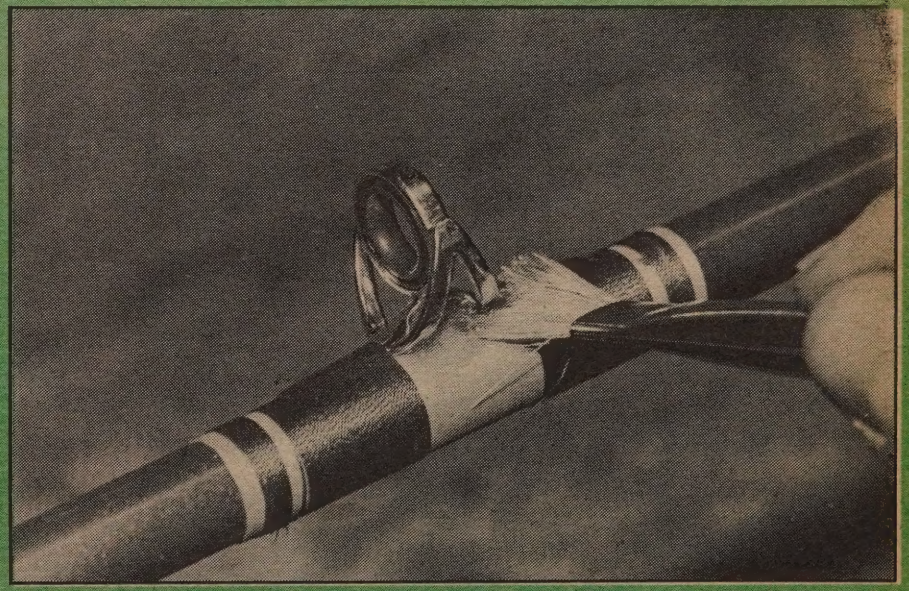
If you don't have a motor setup, turn the rod by hand every five minutes for about an hour. Tie bucktails, or start work on another rod to kill time.

Sign your name with a fine pointed brush and black paint, or use a fine pointed permanent marker like the "Sharpie."

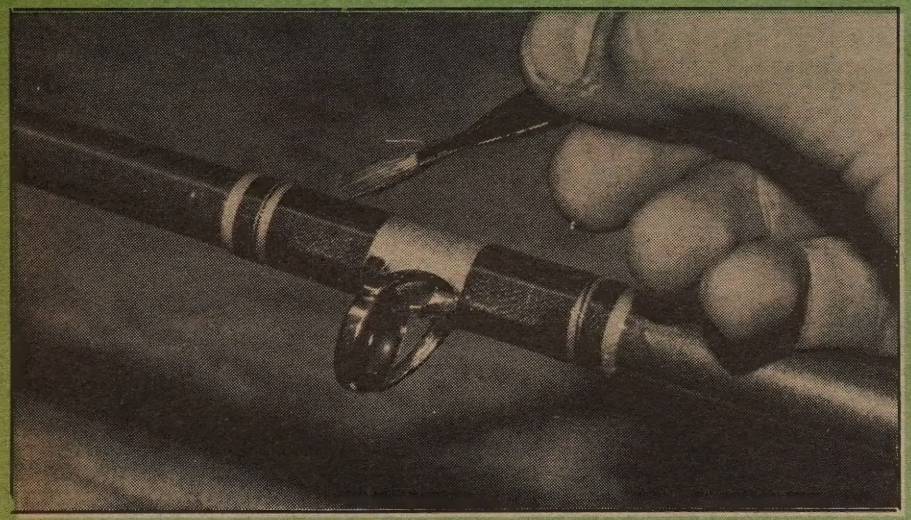
That's it! Now we just wait for the fishing to start.



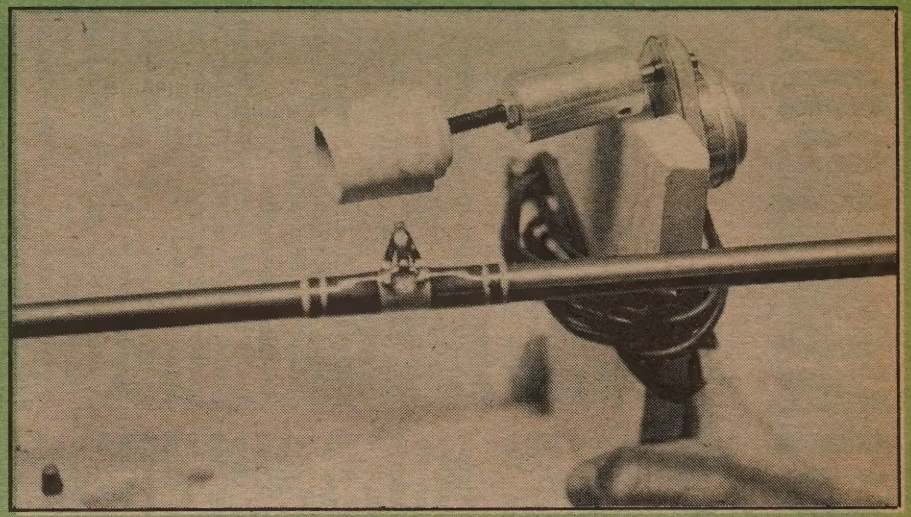
Many rod builders today take advantage of the NCP threads which stands for No Color Preserver. If you used the old threads, apply a coat of color preserver and allow to dry before mixing the epoxy finish. It is critical to mix exactly equal parts of the resin and the hardener and to mix the two parts thoroughly.



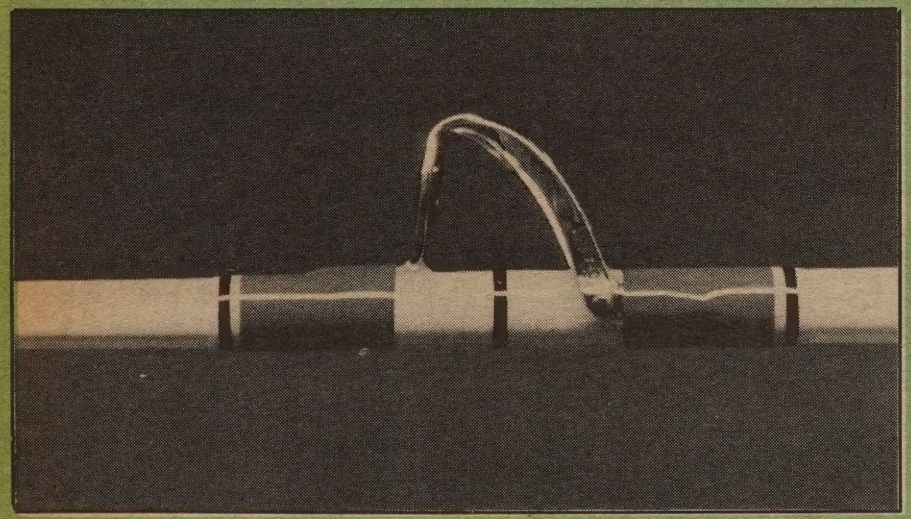
Dab, push, smear the first application of the epoxy finish to be absolutely sure the finish gets into every part of the wrap, including the difficult to reach spots under the guide feet.



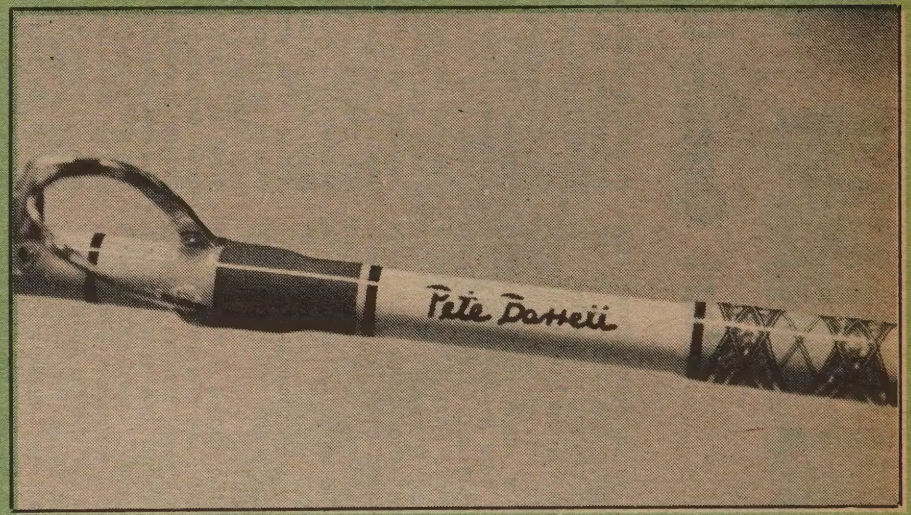
Smooth out the finish by brushing lightly in a back and forth motion. This eliminates the high spots or blobs of finish that may have accumulated when dabbing the first application.



Some builders go back and apply a second light coat immediately after applying the first coat to each guide. This build-up of epoxy results in a high gloss, attractive finish. Use a small, slow speed motor to constantly turn the rod for an hour or more until the epoxy finish has set properly.



An example of a well done, nicely finished wrap. In color the rod sports five different color wraps. Guide is the Fuji high-frame, offshore type, and the finish is En-Virotex epoxy.



You should be proud of your creation and sign your name for everyone to see. There are many ways to apply the name, but I like the "Sharpie" fine point permanent magic markers with a thin coating of epoxy to protect from scratches.

DIFFERENT JIGGING RODS

Part One — by Ken Gerhardt

There is no question about how popular jigging has become in the northeast in the past few years. It is a technique that has been used for a long time in Florida and has been refined to a much higher degree there than here in the land of the bean and the cod. Their tackle is quite different from our generally accepted jigging gear.

We have discussed the very specialized gear used for deep water jigging of cod and such in previous articles. This series will address the more general jigging done in our area; but with somewhat different, and perhaps more efficient tackle than is usual.

Most of the jiggers in Florida use either or two rods: one conventional and one spinning. Before everyone screams "What? Use spinning outfits for jigging?"—read next week's article. We'll talk about what Floridians call a bait casting outfit today.

Their technique for finding fish doesn't vary too much from ours. They cruise an area till they find a dropoff, then send the jigs to the bottom. Sounds like the North Rips, or Sub Buoy, or whatever piece of productive ground you fish, doesn't it? From that point on, things are pretty much up to the individual: heave and haul, or snap jigging—whatever works, or turns you on. The Floridians almost always sweeten their jig (usually a leadhead) with either shrimp, squid, fish, or pork rind. This is a point I think we overlook.

The outfit is based on a fast tapered Lamiglass blank in "S" glass #SMB96 3E, or if you wish in straight Fiberglas #MB96 3E. The advantage of this blank is that the more it is loaded, the stiffer it gets. Amberjacks up to 60 lbs. have been taken on this outfit and the author saw a 54 lb. grouper on fifteen pound mono come onboard the Yankee Capts. last year on Dry Tortugas in the Keys.

The reel is up to the individual. The Florida guys use Ambassadeur 6000S and 6000Cs, but a Penn 145 Squidder or a Newell 229F could be used. I like the 6000C because it is ball bearing and has a level wind mechanism. However, they are all good. Weight can be a factor in your choice. The line should be either twelve or fifteen pound mono. Don't use Dacron, Alert, or any other braid as it will not fish as well and most importantly, there will be no stretch to cushion the sudden shock of a run of a big fish. A six or eight foot thirty pound shocker can be tied to the main line with either a nail knot or blood knot. If you elect not to use a snap swivel at the bitter end of the shocker, then put a 3/0 black swivel in the shocker three feet up from the end. That completes the rigging.

Before we get into the construction of our jig rod, let's talk a little about some other uses for our little beauty. It makes the finest kind of bottom fishing rod for porgies (scup), squet, tautog, fluke, large (snowshoe) flounder, and whatever else (including cod) that might take a swing at bait. To close the circle, one can cast lures up to three ounces (though 1¼-1½ oz. work very well) and if a carboloy tip is used, one can drag wire (no umbrellas please). What started out as a single purpose rod now is assuming the proportion of one rod that does all things for all people. It would seem that the tin boat fleet would only have to carry one rod to handle ninety-five percent of their fishing situations.

Now let's put one together.

Material List:

Lamiglas blank "S", #SMB96 3E
Rear Grip 10" Hypalon
Fore Grip 5" Hypalon
3/4" Trigger Reel Seat (Chrome on brass)
Tiptop #10 Fuji or #10 Carboloy
Guides (7): 2, #8; 2, #10; 2, #12, and 1, #16 Fuji Boat Guides.

Assembly Instructions.

1. Cut back tip of rod 1/2' at a time, until it accepts a #10 T/T. Find the spine of the rod and mount T/T per article in NEF #47, LIF #50.

2. Cut blank back to 7' long, measuring from the **tip.**

3. Mount 10" rear grip lubricating with white glue.

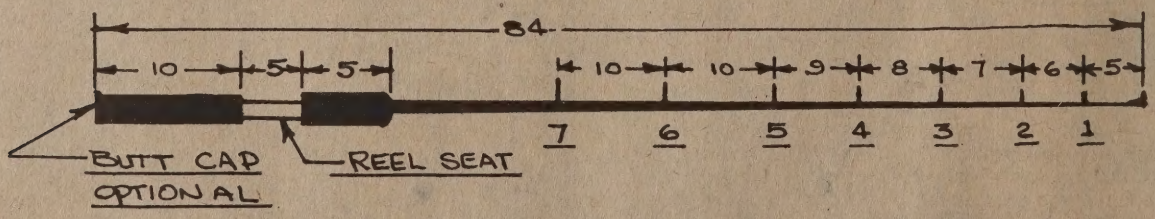
4. Mount reel seat with masking tape and epoxy cement.

5. Mount 5" Hypalon fore grip after lubricating it with white glue.

6. Layout underwrap and guide spacing and wrap guides with "C" nylon. The guide spacing on this rod is very important to its performance.

Jigs of up to six ounces can be used with this rod, especially if the heave and haul technique is used. You will be amazed at the progressive power of this rod. I've caught bluefish to seventeen pounds, bass to ten and fluke to nine (see photo). Its only real limitation is the weight of the jig it can handle.

Part II next week.



GUIDE NO.	SIZE	UNDERWRAP LENGTH	4	10	3½
1	8	2¾	5	12	4
2	8	2¾	6	12	4
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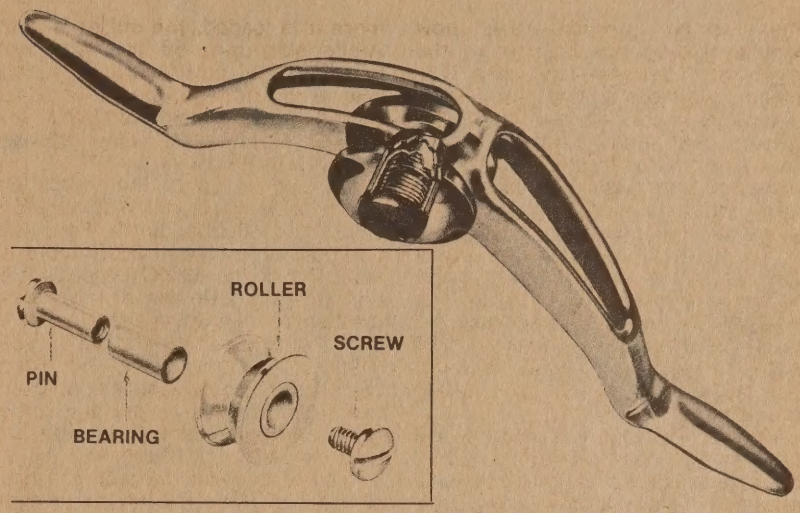
LINES ON WHEELS

by Frank Benton



The day after the first reel was mounted on a fishing rod, thoughtful fishermen began to ponder the effects of dragging fishing line back and forth over the surfaces of rod guides. While casting and retrieving line, playing a fish, or trolling, they could see and feel the strain and abrasion slowly destroying their lines. As early as 1862, patents were issued for roller tiptops, and about thirty years later, the first primitive roller guides were given patents. Over the intervening years, human inventiveness and modern technology constantly improved and refined these early designs, and today's fortunate angler can choose from a wide variety of precision built, lightweight, but extremely rugged roller guides and tops. During the past decade, as more and more IGFA world record fish were taken with lines that "rolled on wheels," serious saltwater fishermen began turning to the guides that kept their lines strong, made fishing easier, and helped them bring more fish to the boat.

The principle underlying roller guide action is roughly comparable to the principle of the wheel versus the sled. If you drag a box across the floor, what happens? You scuff and abrade the bottom of the box, grunt and tug more than you want to, and you don't do the floor any good, either. Now put the same box on wheels. You practically eliminate friction, which means virtually no wear on the box or the floor, and your own effort is dramatically reduced as well. The same factors are involved in dragging your line back and forth across rod guides. Roller guides actually "put your line on wheels!"

When you reel in line or work a fish using conventional guides, your line is dragged over stationary surfaces, usually under pressure, and often with friction severe enough to generate harmful heat. Magnified photographs furnish clear evidence of the destructive effects of this action. Even while trolling, your line will "flick" every time your lure or bait skips out of the water, and about one inch of line will rub back and forth over your guides. Multiply this abrasion by the number of times it happens during the course of an hour's trolling, and it is easy to understand how a line can break when the fish strikes. The Axelson Fishing Tackle Mfg. Co. Inc. of Newport Beach, California, is constantly testing virtually all types of lines and all types of guides under conditions that closely simulate rigorous fishing action. Special testing equipment has been designed and built expressly for this purpose, and Axelson personnel carefully maintains records of the results. Aftco's work in this field proves conclusively that monofilament line will last up to thirty times longer when used with their rollers and tiptops in place of stainless steel or aluminum oxide rings. Similar findings would undoubtedly be reported by other famous American roller guide manufacturers, such as Allan and Mildrum.

"No big deal," you say, "line isn't that expensive."

Maybe, but that's not really the point. Long before friction has caused your line to wear through or break, it has weakened the line drastically, and much of the time you'll be fishing with a line far below its rated strength. You'll never know, with any degree of accuracy, what test line you've got on your reel. You are courting the frustration of fighting a fish long and skillfully only to lose him due to the failure of a weakened line. This is especially true when you are using light tackle. If you are fishing for marlin, sailfish, small tuna, bluefish, etc., with twenty pound test, and wear has brought your line strength down to ten or twelve pound test, you stand a good chance of losing your hook-up. Tournament class fishermen are keenly aware of this factor. A check of IGFA records in the 12 to 130 lb. class will show that in the last ten years, more world record fish have been taken using roller guides than with all other types of guides combined. Rod manufacturers know it, too. Most of the world's major rod-makers feature roller guides and tops on their quality trolling rods in the 12, 20, 30, and 50 lb. classes, as well as on the 80 and 130 lb. rods.

From your own experience, you have probably learned that you fish best when you are "fresh." Physical weariness takes its inevitable toll of your concentration and enthusiasm. Roller guides eliminate a surprising amount of the sheer physical effort of fishing. You will feel the benefits most keenly when you are retrieving or playing a fish. That's when you will appreciate the difference between dragging in your line and "rolling it on wheels." The advantages will vary with the type of fishing you do. In fishing for rock cod, for example, you may lower and raise weights of ten pounds to depths as great as 800'. This involves a lot of tiresome cranking. With roller guides, the work is considerably eased, and your fishing becomes more fun.

Just as the quality of regular guides varies widely, so does that of roller guides and tiptops. Let's take a look at the anatomy of a typical roller guide or top, consider its action and construction, and learn what features determine its quality and performance.

RIGGING A RIG

by Russ Wilson

Sand launce have made a tremendous return along the North Atlantic in recent years and this has, in turn, changed the feeding habits of many coastal game fish species. Fishermen, also, have found the sand eel return has changed fishing patterns.

The multi-armed tube rigs, originally designed to imitate a school of sand launce, have become one of the most productive fish-catchers. But, not all fishermen are enjoying good catches of striped bass and bluefish with the tube rigs. Then, too, there are many serious anglers who will not use the multi-hooked rigs because they feel the rigs are not a sporting lure.

At the risk of argument, I'd like to express a different view on the merits of these lures.

First, the main concern of most fishermen is to catch fish and have fun while doing it. The rigs will catch—have no doubts about it. But, whether it is fun or not, you will have to decide for yourself. I happen to think it's fun catching fish no matter how it is accomplished, as long as the method employed is legal!

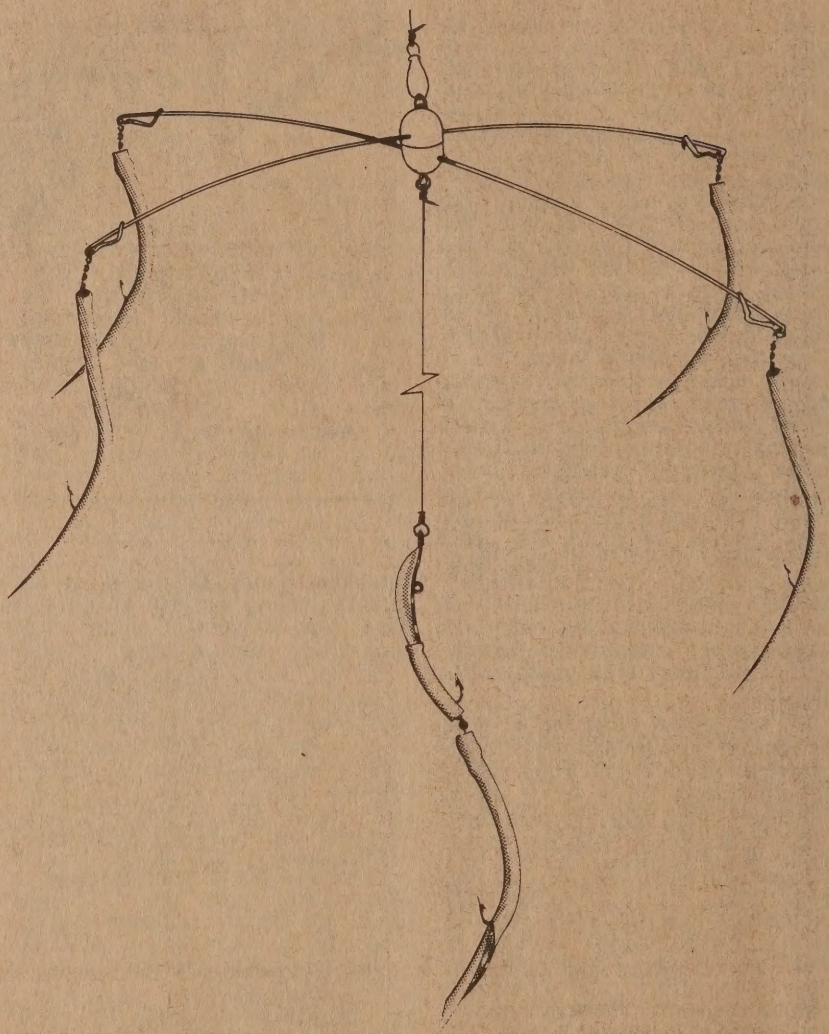
The first umbrella rigs I used were manufactured somewhere on Long Island. That was at least ten years ago at a time when sand eels were just starting to reach the point where they could provide forage for the larger game fish.

Since then, the sand eel population has bloomed to the point where it provides the bulk of food for most migratory game fish that move up or down the Atlantic seaboard. Even the headboat skippers who had previously plied the offshore grounds with ground bunker chum are now finding the hungry bluefish stuffed with sand eels.

I believe in matching the hatch. In the case of sand eels, this means using some type of tube lure. It could be the single offering, or any of the multi-armed rigs; but to catch, it is necessary to use something that closely imitates the primary forage, and that means a tube type lure!

Many companies now market tube rigs, so picking which will catch is up to the individual. I'll not try to sway anyone to the rig I find best, since each fisherman has his or her own personal likes and dislikes.

But I will explain how the tubes should be rigged for optimum success. Most companies that make tube rigs have specific methods that are used during the manufacturing process. However, few manufacturers use Bead Chain when attaching the outside arm tubes to their rigs. (John Sekora umbrella rigs have bead chain on the teaser tubes.) This alone makes building your own rigs a worthwhile pursuit. The addition of Bead Chain to the outside arm lures will increase your catches by a wide margin.



Blow-up of the Spider 4-arm umbrella rig. Note outside tubes are rigged with short droppers of Bead Chain to enhance their swimming action. Dropback lure is Spider Jointed Squid Eel; but other types of tubes, spoons or plugs can be substituted in dropback position.

These short sections of Bead Chain can be purchased at most coastal area bait and tackle shops. Installing them is an easy chore that will take but a few moments' time. It's also wise to check the type hook that is used in the tubes. If it is a small 6/0 or less bend—change it immediately! Big bluefish are destroyers of tackle and they can make shambles of cheaply made lures. The addition of larger hooks, Bead Chain and strong connecting links may cost a few pennies, but it is money well spent.

Once you have made the changes to the outside arm lures, you are ready to use the cumbersome rig. But, this is another area where men are separated from boys. Exactly how the rig is fished will determine one's final results.

Every chef has his, or her, own special way of preparing each dish. Fishermen, too, should learn how to use lures to their best advantage. When trolling tube rigs this means

using wire line and often additional weight to get the lure down to where the fish are eating.

A number of years back (I'd guess it was somewhere around 1968), we fished Cuttyhunk with one of the charter captains. At the time tube rigs were unknown in most areas we fished, but those Cuttyhunk skippers already had their use down to a science.

Almost to a man those experienced striper fishermen used wire line with the rigs. When fishing the shoal waters, they strung only a hundred feet of the springy stuff; but when working deeper waters, they often were forced to lay out a full hundred yards of wire plus some extra drails to put the lures down to where the bass were feeding. It was a system that worked then and it is definitely a system that will work now.

I carry two completely rigged wire line outfits whenever I head out fo bass, blues, or weakfish. Most of the time these two outfits see a lot of action and the other rods are left stowed safely in the racks.

The rigs now used on my boat are manufactured by a New Jersey firm and are built with strong wire frames and heavy Mustad hooks. Even those super-sized bluefish cannot destroy these rigs and big stripers or weaks can still be caught without concern that the tackle is too heavy.

Using multi-armed tube rigs is not the answer to every fisherman's dream, but it will increase his overall score. Not all fishermen will like the rigs, nor will most serious saltwater sports find their use a shortcut for any lack of knowledge on their part.

But, when the going gets tough, and catching fish even tougher, it will pay to string a couple of rigs. There is no sure-fire, super duper, method that is always going to fill the fish box. The rigs will, however, sway the odds a little to your side.

Just remember: if the rigs you purchase at your favorite shop do not have Bead Chain in the teaser tubes, it will pay you to take a little time to re-rig them with short sections of Bead Chain. The minor change often spells the difference between fishin' and catchin'.

Selection of teaser tubes and the short lengths of Bead Chain which is used when re-rigging the teasers. This slight change will greatly increase one's success with the tube rigs.

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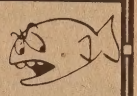

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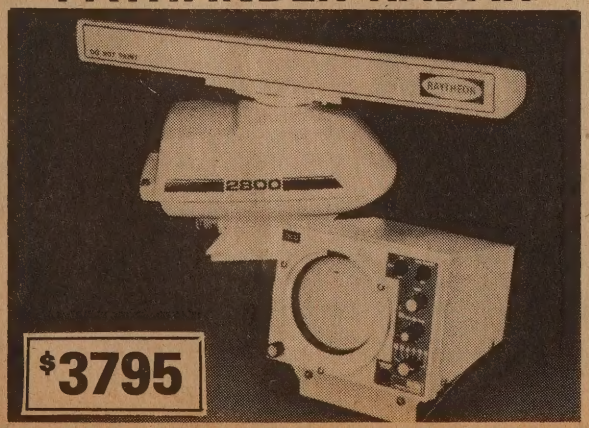

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RIGGING A CENTER CONSOLE

by Russ Wilson

Most saltwater fishermen start off with a small boat, gain some knowledge, and quickly move up the ladder to a larger, more elaborate rig. In a short time span, they go from kindergarten to college. I guess I'm a little slower, or maybe dumber; but whatever the case, it took me more than a dozen years to get past the fourteen foot aluminum planing hull stage. And, even then, my new rig is only eighteen feet and it, too, is constructed of marine aluminum.

That's not to say I did not try some of the Fiberglas models—for I did; and in most instances they worked out great for the type fishing I normally practice. But what I really wanted was an economic boat/motor combination that would get me to the fish and back without using a ton of fuel and costing me a lot of bucks at purchase time.

And you would be surprised at how much room an eighteen foot tin boat contains. With my new rig I can store lunches, tackle boxes, safety gear, anchor and ropes; four, six-gallon gas tanks and a half dozen rods. There's still plenty of room for two fishermen to move about without running into each other in spite of the fact that I used a lot of room up front for the two fish boxes (aren't all of us a little optimistic). I've had no need for the fourth gas tank, but it pays to be safe.

The 70 h.p. Evinrude is a gas miser. A lot of water passed under that tin hull and Evinrude motor this season, and in the entire year I did not have occasion to change a single spark plug! That, my friends, is economy with a capital E.

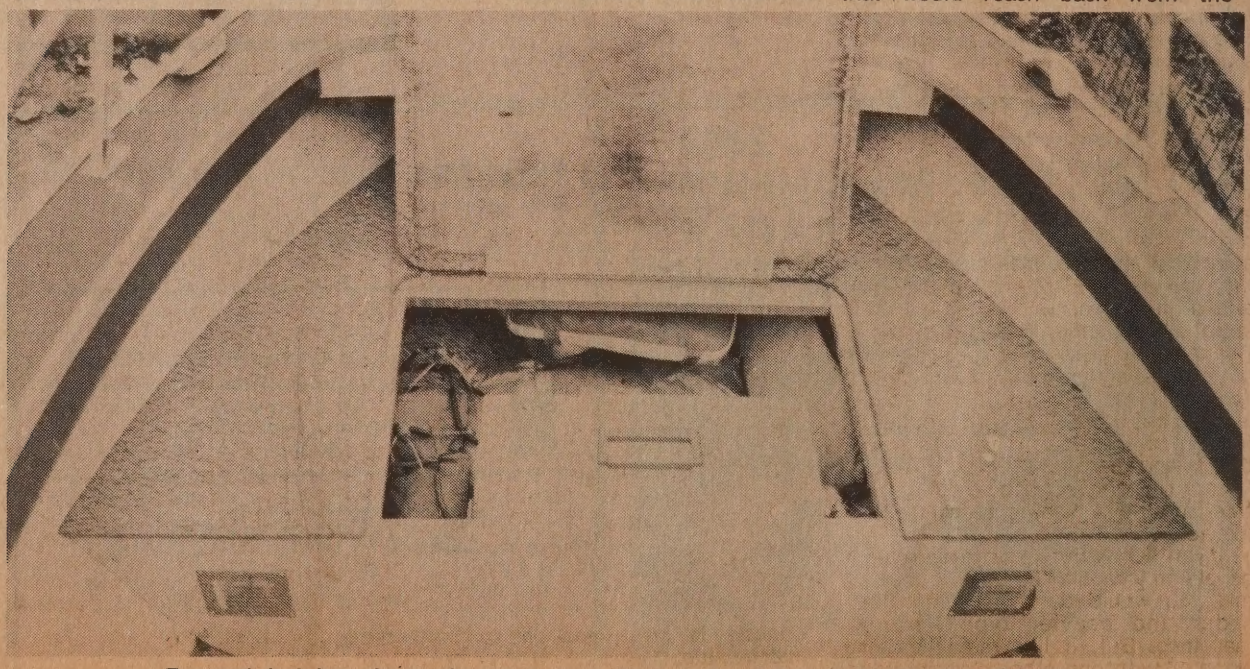
I did, however, do a little modification work on the boat's inner shell. First, the two pedestal seats were removed. This type seat looks attractive and for the freshwater fishermen, it may be a terrific item. But on the ocean there is no need to sit above everything. In fact, I do not like seats on my boats anyway, because if one sits he isn't working hard at fishing. The extra space gained by removing the two seats allowed me to put in the two fish boxes without losing any precious casting area.

The center console on the Starcraft is just right. I did not make any changes to this, but I did add a small shelf under the dash to accommodate my radio and also to store small items of tackle. The empty space on the deck below the console is used to store one gas tank. Two others are kept under the rear decking where they are out of sight. This area also is used as storage space for the 12-volt battery.

The hull came equipped with built-in rod holders along each side of the hull. The only change made here was the installation of Velcro fasteners. The rods kept bouncing out of the holders, so I installed Velcro strips along the uprights to keep the rods in the racks when running in rough seas.

Four offset rod holders were installed along the gunnel and two more tilt-out holders are mounted along the top edge of the port and starboard sides. I use only the two tilt-outs for trolling, but the others are used when drift fishing or to store extra rods when running from one spot to another.

I did get a little extravagant when it came time to pick a downrigger. I wanted a downrigger that could be swung back out of the way when not in use. But, I also wanted something that would reach back from the



Forward deck has plenty of room to store life jackets, anchor, tackle boxes and more.

transom. Penn came to the rescue with their new model 620 Fathom-Master. The swivelling base makes loading and setting this model a cinch, even when fishing alone.

You will note that I've installed my tach, compass and depth finder right on the console. It takes up most of the space, but at least everything is right at my fingertips where it can be seen and checked easily.

The front section of the center console offers plenty of storage for larger items. At present I am storing an extra cooler in this spacious compartment, but by next season I will have made this into an oversized tackle compartment where I can keep boxes filled with tubes, metals, bucktails, rigs and extra reels.

Up front, in the bow, all rain gear, anchors, ropes and lifesaving devices are kept. The wide opening allows quick availability to life jackets or anchor if I should suffer a break-down.

I also have a Plano 747 tackle box in the bow section; so you have some idea of just how much room there is under that little bow deck.

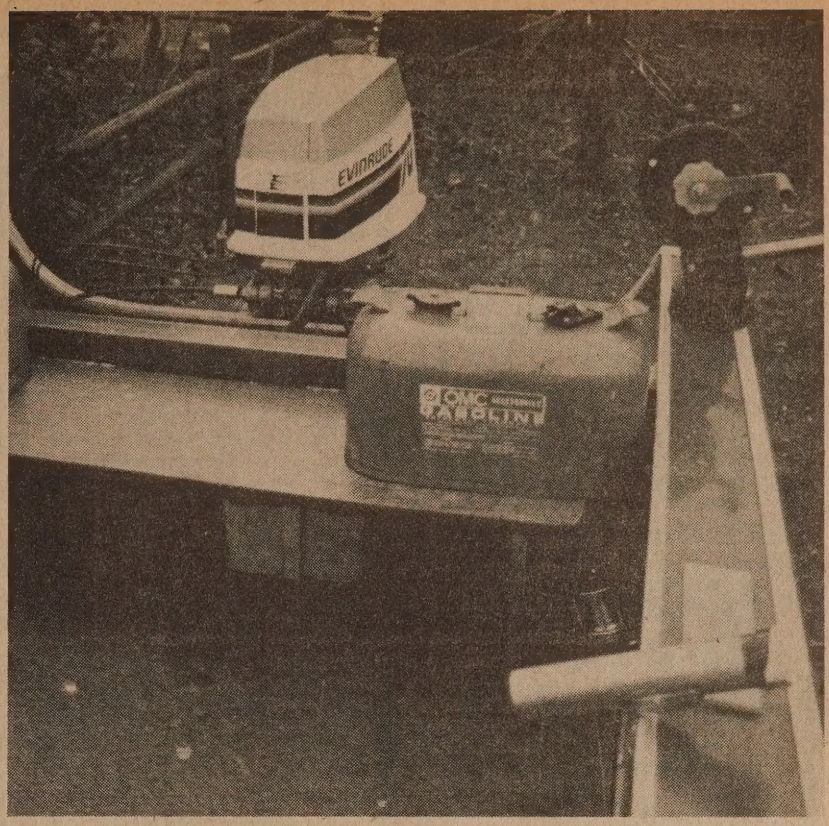
The eighteen footer isn't the answer to every fisherman's dreams, but for the type fishing I pursue, which is mostly inshore trolling or drift fishing for fluke, it is an ideal rig. The boat can take a punishing sea without too much pounding. And, it can really fly when the ocean is calm.

I would not recommend this kind of rig to anyone who is planning to fish the Mud Hole or any other far off area; but for moderate range fishing, or any river or bays, it is everything one could hope to find—both in comfort and safety.

One final note: the entire rig, including boat, motor and an E-Z Loader trailer set me back just over five grand. I think it was a whale of a deal considering how much fishing I do and what it might cost me to operate a rig of the same size in glass or wood. With either glass or wood, I could not have gotten by with the 70 horse Evinrude, which immediately jumps operational cost. Then, too, a heavier hull would mean a larger trailer. Again, more additional expense. I do not feel the little gain in ride makes up for the added initial expense.

But, on the other side of the coin, I cannot really be sure since I have not extensively used any of the glass or wood hulls. I do know that most of the popular Fiberglas models feature more beam, deeper hull design and more total weight. These factors certainly contribute to stable ride and more fishing room inside the hull.

If you fish with two or three other people on a regular basis, I certainly feel you would do better with the wider and heavier type fishing machines. But, if like me you fish alone or with one other person, this type rig is a real winner.



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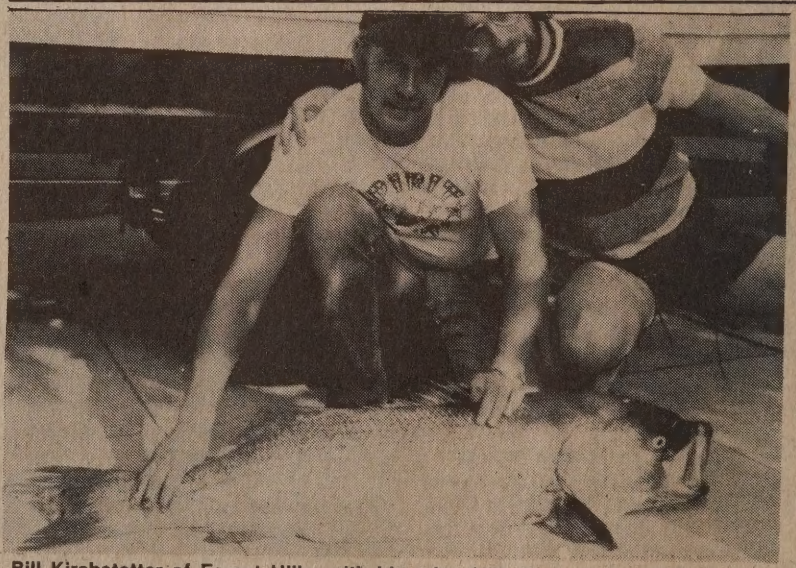
FISHING REPORTS

MONTAUK

Bunny at the Viking Fleet office says that although Sunday's fishing was off a bit due to poor sea conditions, the balance of the week through Saturday saw pretty good codfishing with scattered catches of pollack and blacks as well. Cod were taken averaging 10-12 per man, fish running between 6 and 15 lbs. Daily pool fish were in the 20-30 lb. category. Action was off Block Island. Pollack were running 6-14 lbs. and blackfish were on the small side. This was all on bait.

Bunny says that the **Viking Starship**, which is sailing for the large, heavy bottom fish out of Key West, is still enjoying very good catches working the Tortugas Banks and anyone heading south should get in on some of tremendous action.

A brand new charter boat BIG BLUE has just been completed by Captain Paul Sundberg, a veteran of Montauk's waters over many years. The new 32 footer is now in the water, docked at Montauk marine basin, and Paul says he will begin sailing in early April. Paul can be reached at 516-668-9531 for prime 1980 dates. The boat was recently completed by Mannino Boats of Islip.



Bill Kirchstetter of Forest Hills, with his prize 43½ lb. bass caught last year.

CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** tells us that on Friday his fares accounted for 35 cod, 3/4s of which ran 25-51 lbs. The 51 lber. was decked by Bob Glynn of Staten Island. Nearly everyone aboard had fish. On Saturday 15 cod bounced on the deck. Sunday's count was 31 cod. The pool fish ran 42 lbs. One-third of the fish ran from 10-42 lbs. and two-thirds

ran 4-8 lbs. All fishing was on hard bottom on clam bait.

The **Captain Joseph** reports Sunday's catch was pretty good to the tune of 35 cod for 21 men, fish going up to 45 lbs. Second largest fish was a 32 lber. Most boats had 25-40 fish that day, said Captain Dan Juettner. Most action was due south of FI inlet. Saturday's catch was off due to the severe roll. During the week cod were caught and catches were considered fair but not great due to the heave which was on. Dan says it continues to be a productive season on cod with good sized fish being caught every trip.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** tells us Friday, 8 fares bagged 12 cod. Saturday was off due to the heave. Sunday things improved with 24 fares accounting for 19 cod, all due south of FI inlet. Catches were all made on open bottom near wrecks. Two-thirds of the fish ran 20-40 lbs. and one-third in the 5-8 lb. category. The severe groundswell which prevailed all week hurt the number of fish caught. The **Captree Queen II** is now sailing on a daily schedule.

BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** tells us there are plenty of small flounder to be caught in Merrick Bay hitting best on mussels. Larger flounder can also be caught now at the Jones Beach piers. Frank (One nail) Minerva of Bellmore put out a 600 hook setline this weekend and according to Scott the total catch amounted to one ling which eventually got tossed to a gull, with the gull refusing the offer. Frank said the area he worked was full of crabs and starfish.

FREEPORT

The Starstream II reports catches were off compared to last week due to the big roll which was on all week long. On Monday 15 fares had 25 cod. Thursday and Friday were tough due to the heave. On Wednesday City Island angler Ben Henning bagged a 45 lber. Some big cod up to 35 lbs. were taken late in the day Saturday. Sunday saw over 30 cod come over the rail, with Larry McCall of Babylon copping the pool with a 44 lb. cod. Runner-up was 13 year old John Steinhardt of Brewster, N.Y. with a 32 lb. cod. Captain Richie says the water was clearing up by Sunday and that there's a new run of fish around. If there are no storms locally, this should be a good week and weekend coming up for cod.

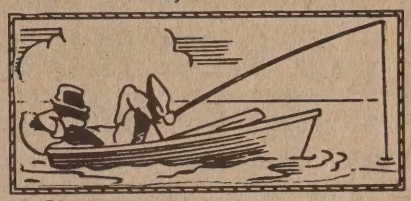
Good catches everyday, says the **Capt. Al**. Working the Cholera area bigger fish were taken Sunday in a new area 9 miles S.E. of Cholera. Joe Uss of Lindenhurst pulled a 35 lber. Al says respectable numbers of cod were caught everyday, fish mainly in the 19-35 lb. range.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike's Tackle reports the boats fishing for cod out of Sheepshead Bay have been working Cholera and past Cholera points east and bringing back anywhere from 3-30 cod per boat. Fishing is being done on wrecks and also open bottom with open bottom producing best. This is all on bait. Whiting boats are catching very good and the whiting are good sized as well. Decent catches of macs are being taken also, as well as just a few ling.

Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** reported that codfishing was off over the weekend because of the high winds. The boat will e switching back to whiting fishing this next week. Before the high winds of the weekend fares on Friday loaded up with whiting, fishing northeast of Klondike where catches of up to 2-3 five gallonb buckets per man were taken.

The **New Elsie K III** reported that winds over the weekend slowed fishing down, but on Wednesday the boat did well at the 3 Sisters Wreck. Sixteen cod up to 25 pounds were taken on clams. The boat will be going on another special cod trip this Wednesday.



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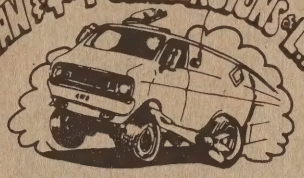

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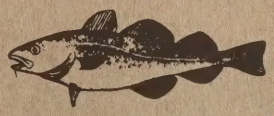

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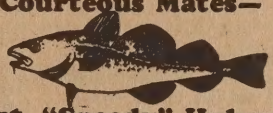

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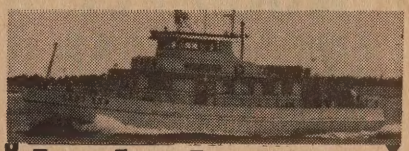

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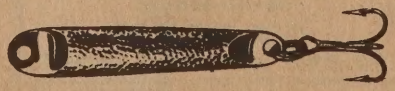

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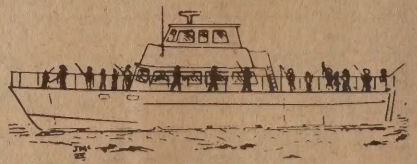

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PIERS AND DRUNKS

Just read your Romer Shoals article and am glad with the results. I never fish offshore (I get seasick), but I, like many others, know what fish we get come from that area.

My reason for writing is, save what little shore line we have left for the pier or shore fisherman. I fish the piers in Merrick, Bellmore and Seaford in the canals. Not too good. I'd like to support a program like your postcard that saved the Romer Shoals. I think that if the LIF started a campaign similar to sending postcards to their legislatures, the results would be good. I think every town that borders on the waters should have a fishing pier. A dock alone is not sufficient. A pier jutting out into the water is what is needed. Fishing now from the piers, we're always harassed by boats always coming too close. And on weekends, it's impossible with the Nassau navy getting in the way. I think, especially Nassau County is the only area where people living in a town bordering on the water do not have access to the water unless they go on someone's property. Since I retired, I've done a lot of fishing locally especially lately with the price of gas and the land fisherman quickly makes friends. We're not meat fishermen but everyone enjoys themselves even though not much is caught. These piers are definitely needed, especially for the young. The more the young people fish, the less delinquency and vandalism.

My next point. I'd like to see something done about drinking. From the pier I see so many people coming or going to the dock with a beer in their hand. I'm not against drinking because I do drink beer, but I'm against it when you're driving a boat. The slogan when you're driving is don't drink. This should also apply to boats. Too many kids see these people pulling away from a dock on a hot day with a beer in their hand, same when they're coming in, get to think this is the thing to do. I think that if you would mention in one of your articles from The Fighting Chair that all boat people refrain from drinking in the vicinity of launching docks or wherever any people are watching them.

I'm not much of a letter writer, but after just finishing reading your article and this being the first issue of the year and enjoying it very much, I thought I'd write you a letter letting you know what one of your many readers think.

I'd like to see the next two casts you make from your Fighting Chair,

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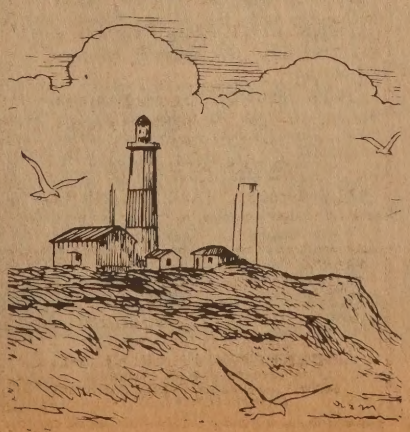

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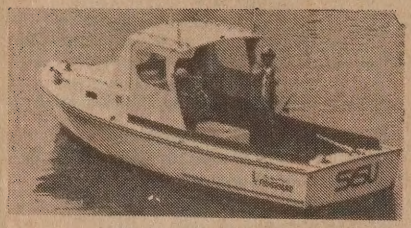

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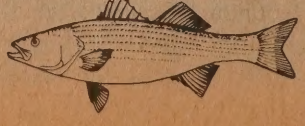

with these two items. Maybe they'll reach the right people. I know any politician who wants to shake my hand will hear me ask for the pier in every town bordering water. *E. Sztabink.*

The Long Island Fisherman has been fighting for more fishing access since our earliest issues in the mid-1960s. We have been active in trying to have bay and harbor piers built because, among other reasons, we agree that these are important fishing places for the retired, the young, and the tourist. We have argued many times for ocean piers, too, and we know that ocean piers would provide good fishing for those with restricted income and be great energy savers, too. Long Island hasn't received its fair share of boat launching ramps either; but we have hope that our arguments and data will bring about changes. These topics will receive space in the editorial pages of LIF in the future because they are so important to so many readers. We also agree that fishing and drinking don't mix, but we're more concerned about the dangers rather than the visual impact on youngsters. True, young people can be impressed by what they see and we do believe that adults should set good examples. However, it is sometimes difficult to convince someone to do something because of how if affects others. On the other hand, if you show them how it hurts them, then you have a shot at getting them to change. Driving a boat while intoxicated is dangerous and we shouldn't drive either a car or boat when drinking alcoholic beverages. Even when your feet are planted on good old mother earth, drinking and fishing do not mix. It takes concentration, coordination, quick reflexes, and good timing to consistently take fish. Alcohol robs us of all of the above qualities and abilities. We like to take a belt here and there, too, but we save it for after the trip in the safety of our homes where we can best enjoy it. If we cut down on beer consumption on boats and beaches, we would also improve the litter problem! Dr. W. A. Muller.

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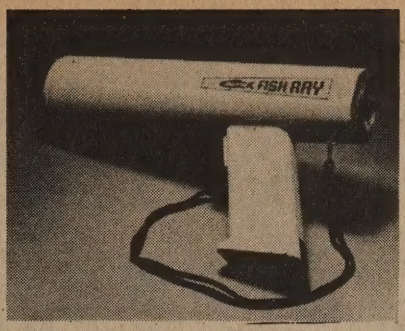

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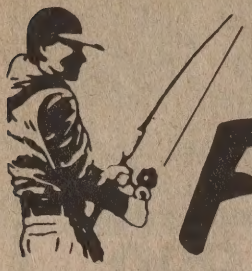

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